**Rotary Club of Cheboygan**

**STRIVE Program**

May 2022

**What is STRIVE?** The Rotary Club of Cheboygan has offered a STRIVE program since 2001. In 2022, we have partnered with Juvenile Court to take our STRIVE program in a new direction. We are going to mentor 5 youth in grades 7-12 who are involved with the court system. The youth, who are non-violent offenders and expected to soon leave court custody, are handpicked by the Probation Department and invited to participate in STRIVE. Students participate in STRIVE for one year.

**Mentors.** Mentors must pass a background check and are paired with a student of the same gender. Each student completes a questionnaire so that they can be best matched with mentors who have common interests.

**STRIVE Meetings.** Each 9- or 18-week session will begin with pizza and a "get to know you" meeting where students are introduced to their mentors. Mentors meet individually with their student throughout the session. Meetings take place at public venues such as at school, a restaurant, Rotary volunteer events, etc. Mentors may pay for a meal when meeting at a restaurant.

**Scholarships.** We award one-year scholarships to North Central Michigan College.

**Summer Job Cash Bonus.** If students work during the summer, we will give them an extra dollar an hour up to 400 hours ($400).

**Funding Support.** Funding for the STRIVE program is provided by the Rotary Club of Cheboygan and Probate Court.

**Question?** Contact STRIVE Chair, Kim Couture, at topofthefeed@gmail.com.