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HISTORY OF PROGRAM

- ** **“DO THE RIGHT THING”** program was born in 1990 in the MIAMI Police Department.

- ** **“DO THE RIGHT THING”** was instituted to reward children for their positive accomplishments and to enhance the lives of many of our city’s needy youth.

- ** **“DO THE RIGHT THING”** Award program was established, with students selected monthly for recognition by the police department for their outstanding accomplishments.

- ** On October 7, 1995 the Rochester Police Department received permission to start the Rochester Chapter of **“DO THE RIGHT THING”**.

- ** The goals of the program are to:
 - Reinforce socially desirable behavior among youth in the community.
 - Demonstrate that “good kids” are news worthy.
 - Foster positive relations between the police and kids by building bridges of trust, understanding and civic responsibility.

- ** **“DO THE RIGHT THING”** will continue to build a sense of mutual respect and understanding between young people and police officers by initiating new projects and activities to stimulate the relationship.

- ** **“DO THE RIGHT THING”** and programs like it are only the first step.....The future for today’s children is what we make of it.

DO THE RIGHT THING STAFF

Sergeant Darlene Rogers – Program Director (not shown)

Officer Deidre Taccone – Mistress of Ceremonies

Darlien Parker – Program Coordinator

Ivanlli Scolari – Intern (not shown)

Harriett VerHurst – Volunteer



Officer Deidre Taccone



Darlien Parker



Harriett VerHurst

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PROGRAM SPONSORS FOR 2006-2007 (cont.)

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WORDS FROM OUR SPONSORS

Democrat and Chronicle

The Democrat and Chronicle is pleased to support the “Do The Right Thing” Program of the Rochester Police Department. This outstanding recognition awards ceremony encourages and salutes young people as it helps forge a positive bond between them and the city’s police officers. These goals are consistent with our newspaper’s long-standing advocacy for the welfare of children in our community.

Tom Flynn – Vice President / Communications / Democrat and Chronicle

Burger King Restaurants

Today’s youth face more challenges than ever before. It is important to recognize their achievements every chance we get. “Do The Right Thing” is a marvelous vehicle to showcase these accomplishments. Burger King Restaurants are committed to the program because we believe perhaps the most important task we have, as adults and business leaders, is to support the efforts of our young people.

Dennis & Laurence Kessler – Burger King Restaurants

Eastman Kodak Company

Respect for the dignity of the individual is one of Kodak’s Six Values. At the same time, it also extends to all the participants in the Rochester Police Department’s “Do The Right Thing” Program. The young men and women who this program recognizes are living examples of respect in our community. By their actions and their own personal codes of conduct, they have demonstrated the essential role that respect plays in creating a community where we are all proud to live, work, learn, and grow. Eastman Kodak Company is proud to acknowledge the fine works and contributions of these citizens of tomorrow.

Essie L. Calhoun/Vice President /Chief Diversity Officer &
Director, Community Affairs
Eastman Kodak Company

WORDS FROM OUR SPONSORS (cont.)

NEWS 10NBC

NEWS 10NBC is proud to be a partner of the “Do The Right Thing” Awards Program with the Rochester Police Department and the affiliated sponsors. We feel it is important to recognize those individuals in our community who make positive choices and unselfishly help people in need. “Do the Right Thing” continually reinforces good behavior in our young people and their peers, we are happy to showcase all of the recipients on News 10NBC and on our website; news10nbc.com, throughout the year.

Laurie Otto – Coordinator / Promotion & Public Affairs
News 10NBC

Excellus

The program is showing Rochester’s young people that by “doing the right thing”, they can create a healthier future for themselves, their family and friends, and their community.

Philip Puchalski – Vice President, Communications

Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation

“We believe in the recognition of the promise in Rochester’s youth”.

Roger L. Gardner – President

Rural / Metro Medical Services

Rural/Metro is proud to support an initiative that provides recognition and positive reinforcement for the “right” behaviors and deeds. It is refreshing to witness a highly visible method of recognizing positive actions taken by the youth of our community.

Tim Czapranski – Rural/Metro Medical Services

WORDS FROM OUR SPONSORS (cont.)

Tops Friendly Markets

Tops is extremely proud of our long-standing partnership with the “do The Right Thing” Program. We applaud the efforts of the Rochester Police Department, the Mayor, other sponsors and the local media that help recognize the children in our community. We encourage the children to continue working hard each day, we thank them for being exemplary role models and we look forward to building a stronger community together.”

Max Henderson, Executive Vice President/General Manager
Tops Friendly Markets

Columbus ERA A Hunt Real Estate Company

We are pleased to sponsor “Do The Right Thing”. This program supports our concerns for Rochester’s at risk population and our wish to recognize and motivate children who have “done the right thing.”

Lois Camphausen - Columbus ERA, A Hunt Real Estate Company

Dynamic Recording Studios

We are part of the “Do The Right Thing” Program because all of us at Dynamic believe in the youth of today, and want to do all we can to help them achieve their goals. .

Dave and Jackie Kaspersin

PACTECH

“Pactech supports the belief that a youth’s behavior reinforced by positive recognition will enhance their ability to lead a successful life.

The Pactech Staff
R. David Diederich – President

WORDS FROM OUR SPONSORS (cont.)

The Friedlander Family Foundation

The “Do The Right Thing Program” is a most important contribution to our young people. For them to understand the need and for them to become responsible citizens to make our community better.

Roger Friedlander – President

Memorial Art Gallery

The Memorial Art Gallery is proud to be involved with the Rochester Police Department’s “Do The Right Thing” Program. The character and spirit of these young people assure a bright and vital future for this city.

Grant Holcomb – Director, Memorial Art Gallery

STUDENT PROFILES



A photograph of the September/October 2006 winners, from left to right, first row: Mayor Robert J. Duffy, Mahogany Harris, Brent Ricci, Jayanna Arnold, Chief David T. Moore, Second Row: Nicole McEvily, Tom Dreitlein, Rachel Dye, last row: Preston Clements, Mykel Wilder, and Kevin Foss.

September 2007

Jayanna Arnold

4th Grade

Virgil I. Grissom School #7

Mary Farrell, Jayanna's grandmother, nominated Jayanna. Jayanna was nominated for her fast response in an emergency situation. While in her back yard Jayanna was approached by a two-year old who informed her that a one-year old boy had fallen into a nearby swimming pool. Jayanna did not hesitate to jump over the fence to go to the child's rescue. Jayanna was able to drag the one-year old child out of the pool and brought him safely to an adult. Jayanna's actions prevented a tragedy and saved a life.

Tom Dreitlein

6th Grade

Northside Intermediate School

Jill Mallaber, a teacher, at Northside Elementary School nominated Tom. Tom was nominated because he organized and ran a book and toy drive. The donated items were distributed between three different organizations (Augustine's Children Center, Women's Place Shelter, and Project Urge).

Tom's dedication and commitment to his community is exhibited in this unselfish act. Tom helped to provide books and toys to those who are less fortunate.

Nicole McEvily

9th Grade

Roth Middle School

Lynda Goldstein, a school counselor & club advisor, nominated Nicole. Nicole is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Nicole came up with an idea for a project of asking the school community to donate unused holiday cards. A message would be written in the cards and then distributed to patients in local health care facilities. The students in the club delivered 902 cards to Strong and Highland Hospitals. Independently, Nicole and her family completed additional 1, 774 cards. Due to her kindness and compassion for others, Nicole was responsible for bringing smiles to the faces of 2,676 patients in the Rochester area.

Rachael E. Dye

12th Grade

East High School

Elizabeth Hallman-Dye is Rachel's mom and the person who nominated Rachel. Rachel was riding her bicycle on Field Street when she came upon an accident. A bicyclist had hit a parked car. The male bicyclist's arm was cut deeply and bleeding profusely, his leg was broken, and he had serious abrasions on his other leg. Rachel turned a potentially stressful situation into a calm, organized event by taking charge, rendering first aid, and remaining cool.

Brent Ricci

5th Grade

Victor Central School

Tammy King is Brent's cousin and the person who nominated Brent. Brent was with his father and sister when his dad was working on land that he owned. While burning brushwood, Brent's dad's arm caught fire. Brent dialed 9-1-1 and wrapped a sweatshirt around his dad's arm. Brent consoled his little sister and called his mom. Brent at 9-years old was level headed and kept his calm in an emergency situation.

October 2006

Preston Clements	11th Grade	East High School
Mykel Wilder	10th Grade	East High School
Kevin Foss	12th Grade	East High School

Sean Pogue, Assistant Principal, nominated Preston, Mykel, and Kevin. Preston, Mykel, and Kevin's attention was drawn to the direction of a young woman who was in distress. The female was also a student at East High School and was returning to school to participate in an after school activity. As she walked along East Main St. she became aware of a man walking just behind her. The female was waiting at the corner for the light to change when the man walked up on her from behind, reached around her, and proceeded to touch her inappropriately. She broke free, ran across the street towards the three male students and called out for help. With out hesitation the young men took charge by scaring the man away and escorted the female student back to East High School. The young men were able to give a general description that resulted in the male being picked up within 10 minutes. These young men stepped up to stamp out violence on our city streets by assisting someone in need. As a result of their quick actions a predator was taken into custody and a young girl escaped harms way.

Mahogany Harris	7th Grade	Lincoln Park School #44
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Michele Terrill, a telecommunicator from the 9-1-1 center, nominated Mahogany. A call to 9-1-1 originally began with a hysterical, female adult screaming that people were "cutting each other." The 9-1-1 operator called the house back for further information. Mahogany answered the telephone and calmly and clearly gave the 9-1-1 operator the information that the emergency responders needed. Mahogany stayed on the telephone and gave the 9-1-1 operator updates in a polite, clear, and calm manner. In the words of the 9-1-1 operator, "Mahogany was one of this operator's politest callers I've had in almost 9 years on the job." Due to Mahogany's ability to stay focused and under a stressful situation, the emergency responders were equipped with the information they needed to aid the victim.

November 2006

Saron Berhe

7th Grade

Webster Christian Academy

Karen Miller, a 911 operator, nominated Saron for her quick thinking during a fire. Saron and her family were in their apartment in a high rise apartment building when they smelled smoke and heard the fire alarm. Saron and her family attempted to leave their apartment, but when they opened the door to the hallway, the hall was filled with smoke. Saron shut the door and put a wet towel under the door to help prevent the smoke from coming in. Due to Saron's quick thinking she and her family were able to be rescued unharmed.

Virginia Goodwine

8th Grade

Twelve-Corner Middle School

Gloria Goodwine, Virginia's mother, nominated her for notifying the principle that a fellow student had a knife at school. Virginia was in the lunchroom at school when she noticed that another student had a knife in their purse. As Virginia proceeded to tell an adult about it several students verbally harassed her and attempted to stop her from telling on the student. Virginia knew that she needed to inform an adult about the knife and told the principal. The other student was suspended for possessing the knife. Virginia's desire to do the right thing may have prevented someone from being hurt.

Kenneth Martinez

3rd Grade

Lincoln School #22

Carol Beairsto, Kenneth's teacher, nominated Kenneth for seeing and reporting a weapon to his teacher. Several students including Kenneth saw the weapon at school, but Kenneth was the only student that was courageous enough to come forward and tell his teacher about the weapon. School personnel were able to locate the weapon and remove it.

Trevon Newsome

6th Grade

Henry W. Longfellow School #36

Michelle Sutton, Trevon's teacher, nominated him for turning in drugs that he found. Trevon was walking into school when he found a baggie containing what he thought to be drugs on school grounds. Trevon picked up the baggie, brought it into the school, and gave it to an adult. Trevon's actions kept other children from harm's way.

Hunter Taylor

1st Grade

West Ridge School

Kathy Phelan, Hunter's Grandmother, nominated him for his quick and calm thinking when she fell while watching Hunter and his two-year old sister, Aggie. When Ms. Phelan fell and became disoriented Hunter told his two-year-old sister to stay with her while he went downstairs and called his mother at work to let her know what happened. Hunter calmly answered his mother's questions about his grandmother's condition as he made his way back to his grandmother's side. Hunter's quick thinking at five-years-old helped keep a stressful situation calm for everyone.

December 2006

Katelyn DeRoller

11th Grade

Aquinas Institute

Mayor Robert Duffy nominated Kate after receiving a letter from Kate's father, Tom DeRoller. Kate spent her summer vacation training for the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Bike Tour after deciding that she wanted to participate in this year's 75-mile fundraiser. While working almost full time over the summer Kate was able to train for the race and obtain pledges. Kate submitted 100% of her pledges the day of the race. Kate was presented with many challenges but did not waver from her goal. Kate, a first time rider faced the challenges of the rain, the hills, the (borrowed) bike, and the 75-mile ride. In the words of Kate's father, "her spirit and determination reflect the philosophy of the MS society."

Thomas Street

10th Grade

Northstar Christian Academy

Brenda Northcutt is a teacher at Tom's school. Ms. Northcutt nominated Tom for acting quickly and calmly during a serious accident. Tom along with other students was on a school bus going to school when they were involved in a head on crash on Spencerport Road. Tom provided first aide to two of the students that were bleeding due to the accident. He also assisted in directing the bus driver as the driver called the Greece School base to notify them of the accident. Tom's ability to stay calm and provide assistance in a stressful situation helped a bad situation from becoming worse.

Michael Henderson

11th Grade

Edison Technology

Lorraine Henderson, Michael's mother, nominated him for his honesty. Michael went to Citizen's Bank to cash his check. While he was having dinner Michael discovered that the teller had given him \$20.00 dollars more than she should have. Michael asked his mom to return the money to the bank as he discovered the error after the bank had closed. Michael's truthfulness prevented a teller from coming up short and possibly saved the teller from disciplinary actions.

Michael Trammell

4th Grade

Flower City School #54

Shayla Shuler, a 911 telecommunicator, nominated Michael for his ability to provide information during a medical emergency in a clear and concise manner. Michael called for an ambulance when his mother had passed out on the floor. Mike was able to remain calm and give all of the pertinent information needed for his mother to receive proper care. Michael's calm and collect manner during an emergency situation helped his mother to obtain the help that she needed.

January 2007

Theresa French

6th Grade

Longfellow School #6

Gladys Vasciannie is Theresa's Vice-Principal and the person who nominated Theresa. After hearing talk about a student with a gun in his book bag Theresa fearlessly reported it to her teacher. Theresa made the right decision and spoke to an adult about what she knew. Although it was later determined that the gun was a pellet gun Theresa showed great courage because she thought the gun was real.

Maxim Della Posta

5th Grade

Nazareth Hall

Aimee Hueym, Max's Physical Education teacher, nominated Max because of his compassion for others. Max bakes and sells dog treats and gives the money to the Heifer Animal Foundation. Max also grew his hair out so that he could donate it to the "Locks of Love" program. Max was able to donate 13 inches of hair so that someone else will be able to benefit. Max's desire to help others shows through these examples of unselfishness and kindness.

Michael Harrison

8th Grade

Siena Catholic Academy

Sergeant Mark Dibelka, from the Rochester Police Department, nominated Michael for his quick thinking. On January 1, 2007 Michael came home from school to find a burglar in his home. The burglar fled from the house and Michael called 911, gave a description of the suspect, and the suspect's direction of travel. Due to Michael's excellent description of the suspect officers were able to quickly apprehend the burglar. Because of Michael's quick thinking and level head the burglar has already sought a plea.

Nick Maenza

6th Grade

Churchville-Chili JHS

Nick's mom, Rae Maenza, nominated Nick for saving a life. Nick was with his family at Stony Brook Park and swimming in an area that had a waterfall. Nick's aunt noticed that her five (5) year old son; Damian was struggling in the water. Without hesitation Nick jumped into the water and was able to bring Damian to shore. Nick's quick reaction without doubt prevented Damian from drowning as the force of the waterfall was pulling Damien under the water.

Tyrell Walker **4th Grade**

Kodak Park School #41

Maryanne Heiman, Tyrell's teacher, nominated him for his considerate nature. On December 14, 2006, while walking to school, Tyrell noticed that his next-door neighbor's house had smoke coming out of it. Tyrell immediately turned around, went back home, and told his father. Due to Tyrell's quick thinking the fire department was able to respond to the fire quickly and no one was hurt.

February 2007

Harrison Vangellow

5th Grade

St. Lawrence School

Joseph Holleran is the Principal at Harrison's school. Mr. Holleran nominated Harrison for helping his neighbor. Harrison was walking with his sister when he noticed that his neighbor was on the floor of his garage. Harrison yelled to his mother, "That man needs help." The neighbor, Art Masters, an elderly male had fallen and lain for 3 ½ hours. Harrison's mom called 911 and Harrison supplied the house number. Mr. Masters sustained a fractured hip and it was reported that Mr. Master's temperature had fallen to 91 degrees. Harrison's attention to his surroundings very likely helped to save Mr. Masters' life.

Nicholas Piano 10th Grade Brockport Central-Oliver Middle School

Nicholas' hockey coaches nominated him for this award for his honesty, dedication and ability to lead by example. It was noted that Nicholas has exhibited a series of behavior's that are worthy of consideration of this award. However, the event that will be highlighted is a life saving incident. This past summer Nicholas was at a neighbor's house on the poolside deck. While on the deck a 3-year-old boy jumped into the pool and began to go under the water. Nicholas was able to get to the poolside and lift the boy from the water to safety. Due to Nicholas' ability to remain calm in a stressful situation the young boy was unharmed.

Brianna Collier

9th Grade

Fredrick Douglass High School

Alicia Harris

8th Grade

Fredrick Douglass High School

Jose Munoz nominated Alicia Harris and Brianna Collier for this award. Alicia and Brianna sought out an adult during an emergency situation. Their quick thinking and keenness helped to stop a crime. Due to their attention to detail this event was looked into and resulted in a successful conclusion.

Michael White

4th Grade

George Mather Forbes School #4

Terry Mitchell, the school secretary, nominated Michael for his quick thinking. Michael was in his house when he saw a car that was on fire in the driveway next to his house. Michael called 911 and got everyone out of the house. He was able to get everyone at a safe distance from the fire. His quick actions may have prevented injuries to others.

March 2007

Zoe Hammonds 4th Grade Nazareth Hall Elementary

Zoe's mother, Emily Hammonds nominated her daughter for her commitment to help those in need. Zoe decided to ask her fellow classmates to help raise funds for UNICEF. They collected \$414.75. After, Zoe counted and wrapped all the coins she wrote "thank you" notes to all the classes that participated. By getting her classmates involved, Zoe not only raised money thru teamwork, but also exposed her school and the community to a Worldwide Organization like UNICEF, which helps millions of people around the world.

Miranda Murphy 5th Grade George Mather Forbes School #4

Chief Floyd Madison nominated Miranda for her incredible kind act in digging out fire hydrants from the snow in her neighborhood. Based on a letter the Chief received from a grateful citizen about Miranda, they both agreed that this little girl-deserved recognition for the good deed she provided the community. Dressed in her winter clothes with her scarf over her nose and mouth, she would dig out a couple of fire hydrants, go home, get warm and come back out to do some more. Her actions assured that water would be easily obtained in case of a fire emergency.

Prisvin Tappa 5th Grade James P. B. Duffy School #12

Sandra Meleca, Prisvin's teacher nominated Prisvin for her model behavior as a student and as a citizen. Prisvin's personality and character traits make her a positive role model to her friends and classmates. Ms. Meleca stated, "Her commitment to her schoolwork, academics, and her positive attitude is a pleasure to witness. She is extremely respectful and kind to anyone that she comes in contact with and that is why she is so liked and admired by faculty and staff in our school." In addition when Prisvin goes home after school she helps her mother by caring for her siblings.

Thalia Matos 4th Grade Nathaniel Rochester Community

Thalia's teacher, Teron A. Lewis, nominated her for always doing the right thing. Thalia exemplifies classroom expectations of respecting self, others, and the learning environment on a daily basis. She models polite, respectful and caring behavior at all times in and out of the classroom. Thalia follows school policy and procedure as well as instructions from staff.

Anjali Vazquez 5nd Grade World of Inquiry School #58

Amy Martin, Anjali's teacher, nominated Anjali for befriending a classmate who was the victim of teasing and isolation by her peers. Anjali made the right decision by going against the majority and following her own instincts. She refused to participate in gossip and always treats faculty, staff, and classmates with respect. She extends her sincere friendship in a truly nurturing and kind way to everyone.

April Winners

Bishop Williams

5th Grade

World of Inquiry School #58

Amy Martin, Bishop's teacher, nominated Bishop for his genuine honesty and his well-behaved demeanor. Bishop observes the following characteristics on a daily basis: responsibility, compassion, empathy, and dignity. His caring and collaborative nature makes him a team player and someone the other students look up to.

Kiana Coley

7th Grade

George Mather Forbes School #4

Ms. Linda Whittier, a mother to one of the students who rides the bus with Kiana, nominated Kiana for her quick thinking and compassion in keeping children with special needs comfortable. Kiana saw a child on the school bus with Down Syndrome in distress and proceeded to assist her. Kiana put on the child's seat belt to make her feel calm, secure, and at ease. Kiana took on an adult role when she saw one of her peers struggling. Her quick thinking and compassionate nature filled the gap for a child who was having a hard time. Kiana stepped up to the plate and reached out to someone in need with positive results.

Miguel Ortiz

8th Grade

Wilson Foundation Academy

Ms. Sarah Infante, Miguel's teacher, nominated Miguel for his continuous generosity, leadership and support. Miguel comes to school always ready to lend a helping hand to his peers or me. He was chosen by his class to hold a leadership position within our social studies class. Miguel is one who always exemplifying the "Wilson Way." Miguel is an excellent example for all students to follow.

Ibrahim Williams

1st Grade

Charles Carroll School #46

Ms. Sharon Delly, Ibrahim's school principal, nominated Ibrahim for his honesty. When Ibrahim was in the school library checking out his book, he found a \$10.00 bill between the book's pages. Instead of keeping the money, he sought out Ms. Humphrey, the librarian to give it to her and let her know where he found it. Ibrahim's integrity should be commended and recognized so others can learn from his good deed.

May 2007

Gregory Selke

11th Grade

Churchville-Chili High

Gregory's mother, Deborah Selke, nominated him for his charitable work. For the past two years Gregory managed and oversaw a 5K race called "Daniels 5K". Last year 138 people ran and they raised \$7,000 for Daniel's family who was able to take Daniel on a cross-country vacation before he died in June 2006. This year the race was held on March 31, 2007; 295 runners participated and they raised \$10,000 for charity and for the same family that had a child diagnosed with life threatening aplastic anemia in January 2007. Gregory's desire to help others shows through this example of concern for others.

Felicia Astacio

12th Grade

Brockport High School

Leticia Astacio, Felicia's sister, nominated her for her compassion and selflessness. Felicia is a senior at Brockport High School. Due to family issues Felicia had to move from Brockport to the City. Felicia desired to finish out her school year at Brockport. Unfortunately, transportation was not provided. Felicia obtained a job working 30 hours a week to help her pay for transportation. When Felicia is not feeling well she will still take her little sister to Brockport and return to pick her up when school is out. In spite of her long hours of work, she maintains a "B" average. Felicia's younger sister, Alicia suffers from an autoimmune disorder and has to have treatments every other day. Felicia takes it upon her self to make sure that her sister receives her treatments by taking her. Felicia has shown strength, determination, and perseverance through these family crises.

Chelsea Davison

5th Grade

Lakeshore Elementary School

Rachelle Yablin, Chelsea's counselor, nominated Chelsea for her fearlessness and demonstration of good citizenship. Chelsea is a school safety and takes her job seriously. Chelsea among other students saw a youth with a knife on the morning bus. Chelsea was the only student to step forward and report the knife to an adult. Her actions may have helped to prevent a tragic incident from occurring.

Skiasia Washington Kindergarten General Elwell S. Otis School #30

Mary Jane Bills, the secretary at #30 School, nominated Skiasia for her bravery. Skiasia's mom was trying to put out a fire in the basement of their home and Skiasia, went upstairs to the bedrooms, brought her 2 and 4 year old sisters outside. In addition, she woke up two other adults and told them to go outside. At 5-years old Skiasia has proven to be a real heroine.

Kiera Martin

5th Grade

Andrew J. Townson School # 39

Theresa Perkins, a telecommunicator from 9-1-1 center, nominated Kiera for being levelheaded during a crisis. Kiera called 9-1-1 because her mom was having a seizure. While on the phone Kiera's mom started to go into a second seizure. Kiera stayed very calm and responded to all question and followed all of the instructions the 9-1-1 operator gave her. Kiera's composure during an emergency helped to keep her mom safe until the emergency personnel were able to respond.

June 2007

Leslie Thurman 9th Grade Fredrick Douglass Preparatory School

Captain Kevin Costello of the Rochester Police Department nominated Leslie for her courage during difficult circumstances. On March 21, 2007 Leslie was a victim of a dog bite. While walking home from school a very large Rotweiller charged Leslie and bit her. She fled to a neighborhood porch where the dog followed her and continued to attack her. While on the porch Leslie grabbed the collar and rear neck skin of the dog and physically restrained it, preventing it from continuing to bite her. Neighbors responded to help as she continued to hold the large dog that continued to bite her and try to break free. Her actions, performed while injured (sustained bites to her leg, forearm and hand), prevented the dog from breaking free and injuring others in the area. This dog ultimately attempted to bite its owner and had to be shot when it broke free and charged the police officers.

James Eckelberger 4th Grade Andrew J. Townson School #39

Mrs. Beverly Eckelberger is James' grandmother and the one who nominated him for his response in an emergency situation. James was with his grandmother when she went into a diabetic coma. James called his mother and she directed him to call out to his grandmother and to try to wake her up, but she was too far-gone. James' grandmother attributes his actions and his being levelheaded to her being here today.

Daesha Lumpkins 5th Grade Henry Lomb School #20

Ms. Greta Davis, the school social worker, nominated Daesha for exhibiting courage. Ms. Coleman, Daesha's mother experienced a prolong illness that resulted in her becoming incapacitated for an extended period of time. As she struggled to regain her strength, Daesha stepped in to provide vital support for her family. Daesha assisted with household duties, which included caring for both her mother and her severely handicapped sister. Ms. Coleman stated that during time of despair and profound sadness; Daesha would often encourage her with a kind word, a prayer, or a song. Daesha was able to maintain her family crisis and still managed to keep up with her schoolwork. Daesha showed a tremendous display of character and responsibility when faced with her mother's illness.

Brian Dunn 3rd Grade George Mather Forbes School #4

Melvin Martinez 2nd Grade John Walton Spencer School #16

Mr. Bruce Dunn, Brian and Melvin's grandfather, nominated them for selflessly providing a community service. Brian and Melvin are cousins, and decided to have a "clean sweep" of their own. One Saturday morning they commissioned themselves to cleaning the sidewalks and yards from Anthony Street to Post Avenue. Their hard work made a difference to the appearance of the neighborhood. These young boys serve as an example for youth and adults of what being a productive citizen of the community is about.

Program Statistics

School Participation

This program recognized 120 students.

58 Schools Participated

28 Urban Schools

14 Suburban Schools

8 Parochial Schools

Top 3 schools for nominations received

1. Henry W. Longfellow School # 36 - 12 Nominations
2. Charles Carroll School #46 - 8 Nominations
3. East High School - 6 Nominations

Top 2 schools for continuous participation

Henry W. Longfellow School # 36 - 4 out of 5 ceremonies

Webster Schools – 3 out of 5 ceremonies

Grade Participation & Grade Winners

5th Grade 25 nominations

6th Grade 15 nominations

3rd Grade 11 nominations

5th Grade 11 winners

4th Grade 6 winners

7th & 8th Grades tie at 5 winners each

“Do The Right Thing” Family Day

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Co-hosted by
TOPS Friendly Markets and Seabreeze Amusement Park

Approximately 125 people enjoyed the day. The winners and their families came together to enjoy the park and share their stories. Seabreeze Amusement Park provided the park, picnic area; amusement rides and water rides, which were thoroughly enjoyed on this hot day. Hot dogs, hamburgers, salad, chips, drink and ice cream was provided courtesy of our sponsors. Also, provided by the sponsors were toys and games that were raffled off.



“Do The Right Thing” Scholarship Presentation

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

The “Do The Right Thing” Awards Program presented four (4) \$1,000.00 scholarships to senior students entering college.

Scholarship recipients:



Felicia Astacio

graduated from Brockport High School and will attend the State University at Brockport to study Psychology.



Karissa Muratore

graduated from Aquinas Institute and will be attending Monroe Community College to study Education.

“Do The Right Thing” Scholarship Presentation (cont.)



Shaniece McClaney

graduated from John Marshall High School and will attend Onondaga Community College to study Digital Media.



Samantha Perez

Graduated from Wheatland-Chili High School and will attend the State University of Geneseo to study Biology

END OF THE YEAR STUDENT SURVEY

13 out of 47 responses have been received. Following is a summary of that survey.

1. Were you aware that you were being nominated for the “Do The Right Thing” Program or did it come as a total surprise?

I was aware of the nomination. 5 The nomination was a total surprise. 8

2. After being notified that you were selected for the “Do The Right Thing” Award, were you proud that your deed(s) were recognized?

YES: 13 No: 0

3. Did your classmates ask you a lot of questions about the “Do The Right Thing” Program and were they impressed with your positive deed(s)?

YES: 12 NO: 0 N/A: (home schooled) 1

4. Do you feel that because you were selected for the “Do The Right Thing” Awards that you are now seen as a positive role model?

YES: 13 NO: 0

5. Has being selected for the “Do The Right Thing” Program given you a better feeling of self worth?

YES: 13 NO: 0

6. After being selected for the “Do The Right Thing” Award, do you feel that you acquired a better attitude towards the school system and the Rochester Police Dept.?

Already had a good attitude. 8
Helped to increase my attitude. 4
Has left no affect. 1

7. Do you feel that the “Do The Right Thing” Program has made an impact on the neighborhood you live in?

YES: 9 NO: 4

8. Do you think the Rochester Police Department and the Rochester City School District should continue with this program, so that other children may experience the opportunities that you have?

YES: 13 NO: 0

THANK YOU

Chief David T. Moore For your continuation of this program.

The Miami Police Department For allowing us to share your program.

Mayor Robert J. Duffy For your continued support.

The Rochester Police Department For your continued support.

All of our Program Sponsors This program would not exist without you.

*Sergeant Michael Coon For arranging for all of our winners to be
photographed.*

RPD Photo Lab and Technicians For all our photographic needs.

Officer Clarence Bullock For Video Production.

*Headquarters' personnel For your patience during the ceremony. We
realize it is a great disruption.*

The Maintenance Crew For always making sure everything is set up.

Seabreeze Amusement Park For hosting the end of the year Family Day.

*Darlien Parker & Harriet VerHurst For you volunteerism. Your dedication
and commitment keeps this program
going.*

*This program provides special experiences for the children honored. We hope that they
enjoy every event and all they entail, remember the experience, and continue to do the
program proud.*

*Our goal for these children, is to always
"Do The Right Thing".*

This annual report was prepared and submitted by Sergeant Darlene Rogers.

