

Do The Right Thing of Rochester, Inc.

2015-2016

Annual Report

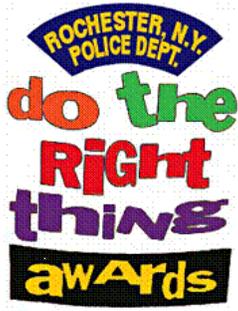


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Who we are and What we do

General History:

- Chartered by the Rochester Police Department in 1995 and implemented in 1996, based on what is now an International program originated by the Miami Police Department in 1990
- In March 2000, incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation, functioning under the auspices of the City of Rochester Police Department and overseen by an appointed Board of Directors

Program Goals:

- Promote positive behavior among local students by reinforcing socially desirable behavior among youth in the community
- Reward students who are involved in making good choices and publicly highlight their accomplishments in the media to demonstrate that good kids are news worthy
- Foster positive relationships between law enforcement and youth by building bridges of trust, understanding and civic responsibility

What We Do:

- Students in Monroe County, in grades 1-12, may be nominated by any adult, at least 18 years old
- Students can be nominated for any good deed or accomplishment, such as; civic responsibility/volunteerism, heroic acts, helping law enforcement and first responders, leadership/quick thinking, "Good Samaritan" acts and overcoming personal challenges.
- Students must attend school within Monroe County and have performed the act for which he/she is nominated within a year of being nominated and within Monroe County.
- Recipients of the award must be students in good standing and are chosen by a tally of votes from our Selection Committee. The Committee is comprised of representatives of our sponsors, as well as, community businesses/organizations
- Award recipients are celebrated publicly in a bi-monthly ceremony hosted by the Rochester Police Department and are presented a prize package comprised of generous gifts from our sponsors.



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Chief of Police

September 16, 2016

Dear "Do The Right Thing" Families and Sponsors,

On behalf of Do The Right Thing of Rochester, Inc., and the Rochester Police Department, I would like to congratulate you on the accomplishments of the 2015-2016 program year, which celebrates the best attributes of our community. Our winners' stories of courage, heroism, honesty, volunteerism, kindness, and leadership give us renewed hope in our youth and the future of our community. Your involvement demonstrates your caring and your investment in making Rochester a better place to live.

I would also like to congratulate the parents, teachers, school administrators, officers, firefighters, caregivers, and other community members, who took the time to nominate outstanding young people, who selflessly gave of themselves for the benefit of others. Your efforts resulted in recognition of their deserving actions, and helped promote them as role models for other youth. As adults it is important we recognize, encourage, and reward our future leaders for contributions to our community.

This recognition would not be possible if it were not for our sponsors, our partners in this unique collaboration; a special word of thanks is given to you. We realize the continued success of this program can only happen with the cooperation and participation of the private and business sectors. It is through your continuing commitment to build a stronger community and your generous support that the "Do The Right Thing" Program is able to exist. Again, a heartfelt thanks to you for helping us to honor young people.

Congratulations to these wonderful young people, who have set a fine example for us all, and to the families they have made so proud.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael L. Ciminelli".

Michael L. Ciminelli
Chief of Police



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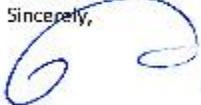
September 6, 2016

Dear Do the Right Thing Sponsors,

I am amazed at the stories we hear from our award winners at every ceremony. They are inspiring, not only for other teens and children but adults as well. Each winner has done something extraordinary to help either their school, community, neighbors or fellow students. I want to congratulate those past winners and I remain excited about the winners we will see this school year.

This recognition would not be possible without the generous support from various businesses and organizations in the Rochester area. There are no words to express my sincere gratitude to all of you. In a day and age where there is so much negative, this is helping us shine the spotlight on positive, true examples of how our community is a great one to call home.

Sincerely,


Patrick S. Taney
DTRT Board President

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Program Staff
2015-2016**



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Program Director***

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Words from our Sponsors

In our 20th year of publicly recognizing the accomplishments of the Rochester community's youth, we acknowledge our generous and dedicated Sponsors without whom this program could not continue

Ames-Amzalak Memorial Trust

Sponsors for 20 years

The "Do the Right Thing" Program is a splendid means of instilling positive values in young people who might otherwise be at risk and rewarding them for constructive action"

The Battery

Sponsors for 10 years

"We are pleased to sponsor the DTRT program because it gives recognition to young people's good deeds and accomplishments. Frederick Douglas said it well: "it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men".

Camp Good Days & Special Times

Sponsors for 17 years

"It is more important now than ever before to support those initiatives that nurture better communication between law enforcement and our community. Do The Right Thing plays a vital role in this endeavor and Camp Good Days and Special Times is proud to be a part of it."

C.J. & B.S. August Family Foundation

Sponsors for 20 years

"The C.J. & B.S. August Foundation has been a long time sponsor of "Do The Right Thing" and has been pleased with what it is accomplishing with the high risk population in our wonderful community."

The Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation

Sponsors for 20 years

"The Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation is a proud sponsor of the "Do the Right Thing" program. Your success is our success; keep up the good work."

Words from our sponsors

Democrat & Chronicle

Sponsors for 20 years

"The Democrat and Chronicle Media Group is proud to partner with Do The Right Thing of Rochester. For 179 years, the D&C has been committed to building a brighter future for Rochester and its citizens. We believe that by telling the story of the youth of Greater Rochester who act in positive and responsible ways, "Do The Right Thing" is making our community better, closer and stronger – one young citizen at a time."

Dynamic Recording Studios

Sponsors for 20 years

"As long term sponsors, Dynamic is proud to participate in recognizing the goodness in our young citizens. Some of the deeds have been humbling in their generosity, bravery, and integrity - we see a brighter future through the Do The Right Thing program!"

Excellus BlueCross BlueShield

Sponsors for 20 years

"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. Excellus BlueCross BlueShield is proud to be one of the founding sponsors."

Gregory Jefferson Memorial Scholarship Foundation

Sponsors for 6 years

"Gregory's widow began this Foundation in honor of her husband, Gregory Jefferson, immediately after his passing. Gregory was a board member of Do The Right Thing of Rochester and was a firm believer in recognizing and honoring our youth. The Foundation awards previous award recipients with college scholarships. We believe this will create a brighter future for youth in our community."

Words from our sponsors

Memorial Art Gallery

Sponsors for 20 years

“The Memorial Art Gallery is delighted to be a part of the “Do The Right Thing” program sponsored by the Rochester Police Department. Perhaps it’s fair to say that, just as a masterpiece is created with the right brush strokes, full and productive lives are created by ‘Doing The Right Thing’.”

Rochester City School District

Sponsors for 20 years

“Everyday, Rochester students are making smart choices and demonstrating good citizenship. ‘Do the Right Thing’ shines a light on these young people and recognizes them as the assets to our community that they truly are. ‘Good kids’ are all around us, and this program does important work in making that known.”

Salvatore’s Old Fashioned Pizzeria

Sponsors for 9 years

“The Salvatore’s Old Fashioned Pizza Family would like to thank the City of Rochester for their participation in this program. We are proud to support our community and to recognize kids that ‘Do The Right Thing’. Their actions will have a positive impact within our community.”

Seabreeze Amusement Park

Sponsors for 20 years

“Seabreeze is proud of its association with “Do The Right Thing” and what the program represents. These young people have made valuable contributions to our community and we’re delighted to shout about those accomplishments from the top of the Jack Rabbit. Well done.”

Words from our sponsors

TOPS Friendly Markets

Sponsors for 20 years

Do the Right thing and unleash your potential...TOPS is a proud sponsor of the Rochester Police Department's Do the Right Thing Program under the leadership of Norma Smith and Chief Ciminelli. TOPS is pleased to help recognize and reward Youth for their positive behavior, accomplishments, and good deeds

WHEC-TV News 10NBC

Sponsors for 20 years

"News 10NBC views its support of the "Do The Right Thing" program as one of its best community service projects. We believe reporting on the recognition of young people's positive actions can inspire other children to improve their behaviors. "

Wildlife Educators Coalition

Sponsors for 7 years

"Wildlife Educators Coalition exists in its entirety to acquaint people with Nature by giving kids of all ages an up close and personal experience with some awesome animal ambassadors. Live animals touch human lives in unique ways. We believe in DTRT whole heartedly. Positive reinforcement is the very best way to teach and recognition for good deeds is a great way to express that. We are proud to contribute and be part of the DTRT community. Thanks for the opportunity."

Student Profiles

October 2015



Kenneth Cruz

12th grade

School of the Arts

Kenneth Cruz is a Senior at the School of the Arts and was nominated by a teacher, Mr. Laird, who witnessed Kenneth's potential and leadership potential when handling a potentially explosive situation. Mr. Laird witnessed a situation at school where 2 students were arguing and two groups appeared to be circling waiting for a physical confrontation. Mr. Laird observed Kenneth situate himself between the 2 arguing students and heard Kenneth articulately and firmly talk them down from getting physical; Kenneth told them things like, "fighting is counterproductive"; they would be suspended and lose class time and that they would disappoint their families by being stupid. The 2 students clearly wanted to settle things physically but Kenneth talked them out of it and dismissed the other students as well. While neither the police department nor Mr. Laird recommend that students intercede in a confrontation, Mr. Laird said that it is rare to see a student take the initiative to stop a confrontation with words and an authoritative manner; especially when others could turn on him for stepping in.

Mr. Laird was very impressed that Kenneth took personal and proactive responsibility to forestall a wrong when he could have continued on his way to class and never gotten involved at all. For Mr. Laird this constituted a very "right thing" and illustrates Kenneth's leadership potential.

Student Profiles

October 2015



Latifah Wade

2nd grade

Wilson Foundation Academy

Latifah Wade is a 2nd grader at Wilson Foundation Academy. On July 22nd, 911 Operator Louis Schwiegert had the pleasure of speaking with Latifah when she called 911 to get medical help for her Mother. While Mom was very upset in the background, Latifah remained calm and was able to answer all questions asked of her. Mr. Schwiegert said "It was impressive to hear someone able to give all information asked and not skip a beat. I am very impressed with the maturity of this young person."

Student Profiles

October 2015



Luis Delgado

2nd grade

Council Rock School

Luis Delgado is a second grader at Council Rock School in Brighton. Luis was nominated by City Recreation supervisor, Michael Porter, who was impressed with Luis' honesty and integrity at such a young age. Luis came into the Rec office with his Aunt over the summer carrying a twenty dollar bill that he had found by the football field. He wanted to turn it in so the owner would be able to claim it. Mr. Porter said, "It is wonderful to see a young man of 6 yrs. old that has learned that "finders" is not always "keepers".

Student Profiles

October 2015



Jadaya Matthews

4th grade

Iroquois Middle School

Jadaya was outside at play in May when one of her friends, Niya Jones, fell off her bike into a storm drain and was seriously injured. Jadaya helped Niya get to a safe place and got her the medical help she needed. Niya suffered a broken arm and received 5 stitches to her leg. Jadaya is described by school administrators as kind and respectful to adults and someone who has the potential to be a leader and a woman of power.

Student Profiles

October 2015



Ja-mes Beckford

7th Grade

RCSD #16

On June 29, 2015 around 2:15 pm, Ja-mes noticed and investigated smoke coming from a home at 203 Terrace Park in the City of Rochester. Realizing the house was on fire and that his elderly neighbor, Ms. Clark is almost always inside, he sprinted home in an effort to make a 911 call. At home, he told his Mother of his findings and she placed the one and only 911 call that was received to report the fire with a person trapped. The Rochester Fire Department responded and had the fire under control within 14 minutes. Ja-mes had to be discouraged by a neighbor from trying to enter the house to get Ms. Clark himself Ms. Clark was located inside, CPR was administered and she has since recovered. This was truly a situation where every second counted and those saved seconds began with Ja-mes. Ja-mes was nominated for this award by RFD Captain Joseph Luna.

Student Profiles

November 2015



Christian Rodriguez 11th Grade Integrated Arts on Franklin Campus

Christian was nominated by RPD Officer Kenneth Richardson who answered a 911 call after Christian found what appeared to be a loaded handgun. The gun was actually a .177 caliber pellet gun but had all the hallmarks of a semi-automatic .45 caliber handgun. The gun could only be distinguished as a deadly weapon when handled. Christian guarded the weapon until Officers arrived, knowing he would miss his bus to school. Some may have used this as an excuse to skip the rest of the day but Christian made it clear to Officer Richardson that he needed help getting to school and preferably on time. We see examples everyday that the culture of "no snitching" is pervasive among teens. Officer Richardson found it inspiring to come across a young man who knows the difference between "snitching" and "doing the right thing".

Student Profiles

November 2015



Emily DeFilippo

12th grade

Gates Chili High School

Emily was nominated by her softball coach of eight years, Joe Furno. Emily's patience, maturity and dedication to helping others are what makes her a role model and is why Coach Furno nominated her. As a Junior in high school, Emily began to stay after school to tutor fellow students. Emily is a dedicated softball player who assists the Coaches of a travel softball team and often lends support and advice to the younger girls who play the sport. Emily is a member of the National Honor Society and has plans to volunteer at the Scottsville Animal hospital.

Student Profiles

November 2015



Caleb Shepard

6th grade

Frank Fowler Dow School # 52

Caleb was nominated by his Principal, Mary Aronson. Caleb and a classmate, who are Standard Bearers, were taking down the flag when his classmate began choking on a piece of pear. Caleb asked if she could speak and when she shook her head no, Caleb performed the Heimlich Maneuver on his classmate and successfully dislodged the piece of pear. Caleb is a 2nd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and participates in the Pathways program at the Eastman School of Music where he plays the Euphonium.

Student Profiles

November 2015



Steven Holko

11th grade

Spencerport High School

Steven was nominated by his neighbor, Corinne Goeke for his sense of community, volunteerism and role model behavior. In spite of a vigorous academic schedule, Steven has been volunteering at Unity hospital for over a year lending a helping hand to the nursing and administrative staff. Throughout high school, Steven has given his time to volunteering to assist coaches at baseball clinics, counseling younger children at summer camp. Ms. Goeke admires Steven's optimistic attitude and willingness to help others, which she believes, makes him a role model for his peers and younger students.

Student Profiles

December 2015



Jayden Wethington 4th grade
Koshara Leonard 4th grade

Dr. Charles T. Lunsford School #9
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Koshara and Jayden were nominated by their teacher, Ms. Newton who had the following to say: Jayden and Koshara are caring students who kept calm when I became ill due to a medical condition. They supported me and guided me to the classroom, made sure I was safe, and then went to get an adult to help. Due to their calmness and quick response, I was able to get my medication in time to avoid a trip to the hospital and I was able to finish the day with my class. Their actions showed what it truly means to care about others and do the right thing. They also remind us that you can have an effect on people and the world around you at a very young age.

Student Profiles

December 2015



Marie Claire DeFord 12th grade Bishop Kearney High School

Marie Claire was nominated by a Campus Minister at her school, Pippa Bianco for her willingness to help others, and her volunteerism. Marie worked at the Basilian Fathers' residence as a housekeeper assisting the Priests with cooking and cleaning until it closed recently. She volunteers as a counselor at Camp Koinonia each year during her summer vacation. She has a lead role on team of students that spend time during the summer vacation working with children of Migrants in southern Florida

Student Profile

December 2015



Lucky Edwards

12th grade

**University Preparatory School
for Young Men**

Lucky was nominated by Diane Sturmer, an employee of Heritage Christian Services for his volunteerism and service to his community. Lucky is known for his kindness and integrity and as someone who will go the extra mile in all endeavors. Lucky has volunteered at several different venues from the Henrietta Food Cupboard, to collecting food items for Stamp Out Hunger and coats for WDKX's coat drive. He participates in the Day of Caring by doing landscaping and handyman jobs at different sites. Lucky has received many awards throughout High School for sports, academics and leadership. He is truly a role model for his peers and can always be depended upon to do the right thing.

Student Profiles

December 2015



Miguel Rodriguez

10th grade

East Big Picture

Miguel was nominated by RPD Investigators Springer and Benjamin for his courage and compassion. Miguel came to a victim's aid who was assaulted on a public sidewalk mid-day last June. Miguel quickly ascertained the gravity of the situation and rendered First Aid by holding the victim's upper body up and hugging them tightly. He also comforted the victim and kept him alert until medical personnel arrived. Miguel continued to assist EMS, at their request, by holding an oxygen mask for the victim while they continued to help him. Despite everyone's best efforts, the victim succumbed to his injuries later that day. In a world where callous, cowardly behavior is often the example, Miguel's compassion and his bravery in stepping forward to help a stranger under less than safe circumstances, compelled Inv.'s Springer and Benjamin to nominate him for this award.

Student Profiles

January 2016



Christopher Loreca, Jr.

6th Grade

Frank Fowler Dow School #52

Chris was nominated by Claire Simzer, an emergency room Nurse, because of his quick, mature actions after a family member went into respiratory distress at home. Chris called 911 and was able to keep the family member calm and answer all the 911 operator's questions. Help was able to arrive in time to help the family member; who has since recovered. Chris is a member of multiple sports teams and is referred to as being kind, considerate and a pleasure to be around.

Student Profiles

January 2016



Evan Bovee

6th grade

Oliver Middle School (Brockport)

Evan was nominated by family friends, Maureen Kosmicki and her son Colin for his volunteerism and sense of community. Evan began helping Colin's organization this year called Warm Hearts, Warm Bodies that collects second hand winter coats and distributes them to those in need. Evan was so encouraged that he approached the principal at his own school and asked if he could set up drop boxes in the school and request that his school mates contribute used coats. Because of Evan's hard work and dedication, Warm Hearts-Warm Bodies now has an additional contributor and can serve the needs of even more citizens. Evan is described as being kind and helpful and often takes on tasks without being asked to do so.

Student Profiles

January 2016



Joshua Lowe 7th grade North Star Educational Program

Joshua was nominated by Seneca Mahoney who is a Youth Program Coordinator at Compeer of Rochester. Joshua was nominated for his initiative in volunteering for the Conkey Cruisers which is a bike club that encourages the community to engage in positive and active socialization. Joshua has encouraged many of the youth in his neighborhood to become involved and has also created “Conkey Cruisers Off-Season’ so the members have positive interaction when they can’t ride bikes in the colder months. Joshua is described as being shy but inclusive, wanting everyone around him to feel included.

Student Profiles

January 2016



David Heinrich 8th grade

Lois E. Bird-Morgan School

David was nominated by Dyshawn Wall, a classroom aid at his school, for his ability to handle a stressful situation well. David has multiple disabilities and faces many challenges. After a recent doctor's visit, his Grandmother slipped on black ice injuring her head and arm. David went back into the Doctor's office alone to get help for his Grandmother. While this highly stressful situation may have been difficult for many of us to handle, David handled the situation extremely well which is quite an accomplishment for him. David is a fan of Jeff Dunham and his puppets, Peanut, Walter and Achmed.

Student Profiles

January 2016



Haley Vega

12th grade

School without Walls

Haley was nominated by City Recreation Supervisor, Don Corey, for her compassion and volunteerism. Haley approached Mr. Corey in October asking to volunteer with youth. After learning what was expected of her, Haley jumped in and took off running. Haley began interacting with the youth daily, gaining their trust and respect. She helped bring new ideas to many of the programs and provides homework help, computer lab instruction, plays table games and helps with the Food link program. Haley is described as courteous, respectful, and caring.

Student Profiles

March 2016



Rosalina Cossey

2nd grade

Long Ridge Elementary (Greece)

Rosalina was nominated by her Dad, Shane, because of her ability even at this young age to think of others before herself. Rosalina had the idea to cut her hair and give it to someone because her hair had grown past her seat. She discussed this with her Mom and then went with her Mom to do it and it has now become a yearly thing. Rosalina's last donation was to Children With Hair Loss, a Michigan based non-profit that supplies wigs and hair extensions to children with hair loss, free of charge. Rosalina is described by school staff as being eager to learn, respectful and helpful to others without Teacher's direction.

Student Profiles

March 2016



Isabella Rivera

5th grade

Rogers Middle School (Irondequoit)

Isabella was nominated by fellow parishioner, Officer Gonzalez of the Rochester Police Department for her compassion and commitment to helping others. He says that Isabella had been wanting to do something for her community for quite some time and presented the idea of feeding people who were hungry to her church congregation. Isabella made this happen in November of 2015 when she and other volunteers distributed 200 hand-made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in front of their church. What could not be given away at church was given to a nun's charity that provides services for the homeless. Isabella is described by school staff as thoughtful and kind and a positive role model for other students.

Student Profiles

March 2016



Alexandra Guzman 1st grade

School #39 (Rochester)

Alexandra was nominated by the Parent liaison at her school, Yvetta Nelson, because of her compassion for others at such a young age. In November last year, Alexandra noticed that when the weather began to get cold and she began wearing a coat that there were kids in her school who did not wear coats, even though it was cold. Alexandra asked Ms. Nelson if she could bring some coats to school to give to the kids who didn't have one. With her Grandmother's help, Alexandra donated coats, hats and scarves to the kids in her class and eventually to all the kids in her school who didn't have a winter coat. Alexandra is described by school staff as a kind person and a good student.

Student Profiles

March 2016



Josip Lepki 7th grade Oliver Middle School (Brockport)

Josip was nominated by a friend of his Mom's, Julie Kolb, who was impressed by his thoughtfulness. Julie posted a Facebook status asking friends with sons for ideas on what toys are popular for 12 year old boys. She needed the information to give her ideas for a donation to her church's drive to collect new gifts at Christmas for those less fortunate. Josip had been at a "Breakfast with Santa" event that morning where he received a Nerf toy gun. Joe's Mom checked with Joe for ideas. When asked, Joe told his Mom to give Julie the Nerf gun because he really didn't need it.

Student Profiles

March 2016



Lorenzo Guerrero 1st grade English Village Elementary (Greece)

Lorenzo was nominated by a fellow parishioner, Officer Gonzalez, who was impressed with Lorenzo's sense of civic responsibility. In December, Lorenzo was with his Dad at a barbershop waiting for haircuts when a patron leaving the shop dropped what was described as a large "wad" of money. Lorenzo immediately picked up the money and ran after the patron and returned the money without anyone prompting him to do so. The patron was so impressed with Lorenzo's actions, that he came back in the Barbershop and gave Lorenzo five dollars. School staff describes Lorenzo as responsible, respectful and kind.

Student Profiles

April 2016



Shira Silverstein

9th grade

Honeoye Falls-Lima High School

Shira was nominated by her mother for her dedication to helping her community. In her 8th grade year, Shira spent 100 hours collecting hundreds of books for the Rochester International Academy in Rochester for a Girl Scout project. Shira cleaned up each book by taking off any stickers and erasing any names on the books, sorting the books by level of difficulty and stamping each one with a “This book belongs to...” stamp, so students could write their name in their “new” books. The students at this school have come here from other countries and many are refugees. The students were so happy to receive books they could call their own, that Shira decided to collect more books not as a project but just because. In December 2015, Rochester International Academy had a holiday party where Shira donated over 500 books that she had collected and cleaned up throughout the year. School staff describes Shira as the type of student you wish you had more of: intrinsically motivated, strong academically and also manages to balance commitments in school and outside of school.

Student Profiles

April 2016



Kesean Hatén

12th grade

Joseph C. Wilson HS (Rochester)

Kesean was nominated by the social worker at his school, Ms. Tanner, for his respectfulness and compassionate concern. In February, several female students began a verbal confrontation in the crowded cafeteria. While re-directing one of the girls, the altercation became physical with Ms. Tanner caught in the middle and unable to escape because of the pressing crowd around the altercation. Kesean made his way to Ms. Tanner and used his physical presence to shield her until the altercation stopped. Ms. Tanner believes that she would have been injured if Kesean had not stepped up to help her. School staff describes Kesean as compassionate, motivated, well liked and respected by his peers.

Student Profiles

April 2016



Joy Juskiewicz

11th grade

Olympia High School (Greece)

Joy was nominated by a family friend, Diane Sturmer, for her commitment to helping her community. Joy filled 75 bags with stickers and a Martin Luther King quote for a visit to a daycare on Martin Luther King Day. She also performed puppetry, music and story time about Dr. King for the preschoolers. She independently helped collect recyclable cans from her neighborhood for a young woman with health issues. The money collected was used to defray gas and motel expenses for the young woman's family when they travel out of town for the treatments she needs. Joy makes this type of giving a constant in her life, and in addition, is an outstanding student. School staff describes Joy as very respectful, focused and honest.

Student Profiles

April 2016



Diamond Moorehead 12th grade

Bishop Kearney HS (Irondequoit)

Diamond was nominated by her school Administrator, Mr. Miller for her being an outstanding student and an active participant in her community. She volunteers at an afterschool program helping elementary students with homework; she also volunteers at a food pantry helping stock donated canned goods, and as a hot meal server/preparer. She was recently elected to be her church's Sunday school secretary and has begun teaching lessons to the youth class. For the past four years, Diamond has participated in Rochester's Teen Court; 2 years as a juror and as an attorney since 2014 and this past summer worked for a private law firm who awarded her a "Youth All-Star" award.

Student Profiles

May 2016



Jamier Hayes

8th grade

Wilson Foundation Academy

Jamier was nominated by his teacher, Holly Clough and Officer Moses Robinson of the Rochester Police Department. In March during Wilson Foundation school dismissal Jamier observed two students approach another Wilson Foundation 8th grade student on the front lawn outside the school attempting to engage in a physical fight. One of the two students who approached was trespassing on school property. Realizing that his fellow classmate was about to get into a fight, Jamier intervened by trying to verbally de-escalate the situation between the students who wanted to fight with his classmate. While Jamier was talking with the two students, one of the students pulled out a knife and began to menace Jamier's classmate with the knife. Because of Jamier's ability to distract the boys from attacking his classmate, his classmate was able to run back inside the school for safety. Both students ran from the school grounds, and Jamier was instrumental with school staff in helping to identify the students involved in this incident.

Student Profiles

May 2016



Peter Klembczyk

11th grade

Penfield High School

Peter was nominated by family friend, Diane Sturmer, for his volunteerism and commitment to community. Here is what Diane had to say: Peter is a young man of character and integrity. He is the kind of guy that will mow your lawn and not expect anything in return. And, he did just this when I was having health issues and my husband was caring for me last summer. Peter has been a Jr. High Sunday School Leader for the past 2 years at his church. This has been a two-hour commitment per week. He also helped run a Sunday school group of 7th and 8th graders. He has also helped run a Bible camp for younger children these last few years. One of the most impressive volunteer outreaches that Peter has been involved with for the last five years is Flower City work camp. Each spring break, Peter repairs homes in the City of Rochester. Through the Boy Scouts organization, Peter has been involved in National Youth Leadership Training. The first year he took the course and then he volunteered on staff for the following 2 years. Right now, Peter is preparing to do similar work like repairing homes...but in another country, (Guatemala).

Student Profiles

May 2016



Jackson Mahoney

12th grade

Brockport High School

Jackson Mahoney, a senior at Brockport High School was nominated by Brockport School Superintendent, Dr. Lesli Myers, Brockport School Board President, Lisa Ireland, and his Teacher, Sundae Avery. Jackson was working at a local motel in Brockport during the overnight hours between April 23 and April 24, 2016. During his shift, a woman came to him and told him that there was a man unconscious in one of the rooms. Without hesitation, Jackson quickly called 911 and ran to the room to help. He administered CPR to the man until help arrived. Despite Jackson's efforts, the man did not survive. Jackson acted without hesitation and made every effort to save a life, which is a true act of heroism.

Student Profiles

June 2016

Johnathan Thompson

5th grade

Churchville-Chili Middle School



Johnathan was nominated by his School Superintendent, Loretta Orologio, on behalf of the middle school and high school nurses and Principal. Johnathan is a middle school student who frequently gets a ride to school from his mother because she works in our high school cafeteria. One morning in March, Johnathan noticed that his mom was “driving funny” on the way to drop him off at school. He talked with his Mom about other recent accidents that had happened in the community and encouraged her to stop driving and go home, or call his Dad. She insisted on bringing him to school and getting to work on time. When Johnathan arrived at school, he went directly to the Health Office and shared his concern about his Mom “driving funny”, and his concern about whether she made it to work. The High School nurse, Mrs. Buckley, immediately went to the cafeteria to check on Johnathan’s mom. Mrs. Buckley credits Johnathan's ability to stay calm, report his concern, and take positive action which

directly impacted the outcome of his Mom’s medical situation in a positive way. The timing of her treatment was imperative to her health and recovery, and Mrs. Buckley believes he contributed to saving his Mom's life.

Student Profiles

June 2016

Marco Lee

5th grade

Theodore Roosevelt School #43



Marco was nominated by his teachers, Jackie Stewart and Jennifer Schuman. On May 19, 2016 Marco was leaving music class with one of his classmates when he noticed that his classmate was not behaving like he normally did. Suddenly, Marco's classmate stopped walking and when Marco asked him if he was alright, he did not respond and was clearly in pain. Marco assisted the student back to their classroom and immediately notified Mrs. Stewart. Marco's classmate was then taken to the Nurse where his parents were notified and he was taken to Strong Children's Hospital. Marco's quick thinking and immediate response helped get his classmate the proper medical attention.

Student Profiles

June 2016

William Green

5th grade

Quest Elementary School



William was nominated by family friend, Commander Tim List of the Rochester Police Department. While preparing his summer inquiry project for Quest Elementary in 2014, Will discovered that many people in the world do not have clean water. He just could not let that continue and spearheaded a drive to improve the lives of the people of Nicaragua. He discovered it would cost \$1000 to build a well from a friend who was serving on a project in El Sauce, Nicaragua. He challenged his Vacation Bible School members to raise money and raised \$400 in one week. After that, he collected returnable bottles and cans to help raise money and challenged his Church congregation to continue to help raise the \$1000 needed to build a well. The Church congregation raised the money in just 3 weeks. Unfortunately, water could not be found in the original community that was designated for the well. However, by the fall of 2015 he received news that water was found and the well was built. Will and his Mom then had an opportunity to visit the community served by the well in Managua, Nicaragua in February 2016.

2015-2016 Program Statistics

*This year's program received **46** nominations; publicly honored **35** winners of the award and recognized the deeds of **7** students*

School Participation

*Students were nominated from **33** different schools in **12** different school districts:*

***13** Urban*

***15** Suburban*

***4** Parochial or Private*

***1** Other*

School Districts with the most nominations

***15** Rochester City School District*

***3** Greece Central School District*

***3** Brockport Central School District*

Grades with the most winners

***11th, 12th, and 5th** grade*

Grades with the most nominations

7th, 11th, and 12th

The 2015-2016 “Do The Right Thing” Scholarship Winners

The following “Do The Right Thing” Award winners received \$1000 paid to the College or University of their choice



Lucky Edwards is a December 2015 DTRT winner and a graduate of University Preparatory Charter School for Young Men in the City of Rochester. St. John Fisher is waiting for Lucky to arrive in the fall to begin earning a degree in Nursing.

Julia DeWeese is a February 2012 DTRT winner and a graduate of Webster-Schroeder High School. Julia is heading to Mercyhurst University in the fall and will Major in Intelligence studies.



Emily DeFilippo is a November 2015 DTRT winner and a graduate of Gates Chili High School. Emily is continuing her education at Monroe Community College to earn her certificate in Small business.

Marie DeFord is a December 2015 DTRT winner and a graduate of Bishop Kearney High School. Marie is heading to Canisius College in the fall to study Health and Wellness.

Do The Right Thing Activities

Family Celebration @ Seabreeze Amusement Park-June 24, 2016

At the end of the school year, Seabreeze Amusement Park hosts our family celebration welcoming the past year's winners and their families who enjoyed pictures, lunch, toy raffles and a day of ride and slide fun in the sun. Tops Friendly Markets and The Pirate Toy Fund lend their full support by supplying gift cards and toys for the raffle. We are pleased to be able to give our winners' families a day to celebrate together.



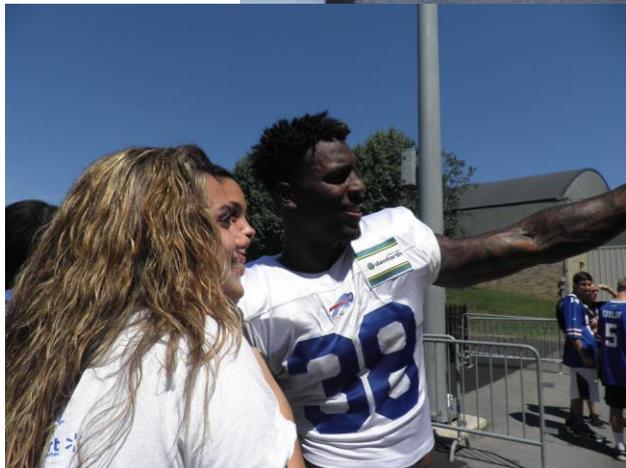
Do The Right Thing Activities

Buffalo Bills Training Camp

August 9, 2016

For eight years, the Buffalo Bills have graciously invited our award recipients to visit the team at their training camp where they are able to watch the Bills practice and receive autographs from the players.

Thank you Buffalo Bills!!



Camp Good Days

Leadership Camp- August 15-18, 2016

For fifteen years, Camp Good Days has invited our winners to participate in their Leadership camp; Four fun filled days on Keuka Lake! Thank you Camp Good Days!!



Do The Right Thing Financial Report

Revenue and Expense Report Year ending 7-31-2016

Do The Right Thing of Rochester Inc.

Revenue & Expense Year Ending 7/31/2016

Aug '15 - Jul 16

Income

Foundation and Trust Grants

Restricted 1,500.00

Unrestricted 585.87

Corporate Contributions 1,500.00

Total Income 3,585.87

Expense

Scholarships* 7,000.00

Ceremonies

RMHC 25.00

DMJ 2,641.49

Other 293.10

Program Expense

DMJ 210.79

Miscellaneous Expense 407.90

Seabreeze

Other 357.66

DMJ 1,098.43

Total Expense 12,034.37

Net Income -8,448.50

DMJ = Daisy Marquis Jones

RMHC = Ronald McDonald House
Charities

*Three scholarships were from 2014-15 and four are for 2015-16.

Do The Right Thing Financial Report

Changes in Net Assets and Liabilities FY 2015-2016

Do The Right Thing of Rochester Inc.

Balance Sheet as of 7/31/2016

	<u>July 31, 16</u>	<u>July 31, 15</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS				
Total Checking/Savings - Discretionary	10,587.34	19,035.84 *	-8,448.50	-44.38%
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>10,587.34</u>	<u>19,035.84</u>	<u>-8,448.50</u>	<u>-44.38%</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
Opening Bal Equity	581.74	581.74	0.00	0.0%
Unrestricted Net Assets	18,454.10	15,054.62	3,399.48	22.58%
Net Income (Loss)	-8,448.50	3,399.48	-11,847.98	-348.52%
Total Equity	<u>10,587.34</u>	<u>19,035.84</u>	<u>-8,448.50</u>	<u>-44.38%</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>10,587.34</u>	<u>19,035.84</u>	<u>-8,448.50</u>	<u>-44.38%</u>



Do The Right Thing Ceremony Dates for Program Year 2016 - 2017

All ceremonies are held in the City Public Safety Building at 185 Exchange Boulevard @ 10:30 am in the lobby and are open to the public

Thursday October 27, 2016

Thursday December 15, 2016

Thursday February 16, 2017

Thursday April 27, 2017

Thursday June 8, 2017



Thank you

Mayor Lovely Warren

For your continued support

**Chief Michael Ciminelli &
The Rochester Police Department**

For your continued support

City School District Faculty and Staff

For your continued support

The Executive Board Members

For your dedication to the program

Nomination Selection Committee

For volunteering to select our winners

All of our Program Sponsors

For your generosity and dedication

**Sergeant Michael Coon,
RPD Technicians & staff**

For supplying all of our photographic needs

Headquarters' Personnel

For your patience during the ceremony

The Maintenance Crew

For always making sure everything is set up

**Lily Sepulveda-Soto, Carmen
Pellegrino, and Karen Coriddi**

For your helping hands!

