

# ***Do The Right Thing of Rochester, Inc.***

## **2013-2014**

### ***Annual Report***



***Rochester Police Department***

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Rochester Police  
Department

Michael L. Ciminelli  
Chief of Police

September 15, 2014

Dear "Do The Right Thing" Families and Sponsors,

On behalf of the Do The Right Thing of Rochester, Inc., and the Rochester Police Department, I would like to congratulate you on the accomplishments of the 2013-2014 program year, which celebrates the best attributes of mankind. 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 sector. 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 thank 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,

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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 good things 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 K-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, 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.
- 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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# ***Sponsorship***

*October 2015 will be the beginning of Do The Right Thing of Rochester's 20th year of publicly recognizing the accomplishments of the Rochester community's youth. We have generous and dedicated Sponsors and here is what some have to say about our program and their commitment to it. Without you, there would be no Do The Right Thing!! Thank you!!*

## **Ames-Amzalak Memorial Trust**

***Sponsors for 19 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 7 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". "*

## **Blackhawk Security and Investigations**

***Sponsors for 6 years***

*"We are proud to sponsor and be part of the "Do The Right Thing" program. I regularly attend the ceremony and it's very nice to see these young children receive awards for doing the right thing. Seeing the smiles on their faces makes it all worthwhile. I plan to continue sponsoring this program."*

## **Camp Good Days & Special Times**

***Sponsors for 14 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 19 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."*

# ***Sponsorship***

## **The Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation**

***Sponsors for 16 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."*

## **Democrat & Chronicle**

***Sponsors for 19 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 19 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 19 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 4 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."*

# ***Sponsorship***

## **Memorial Art Gallery**

***Sponsors for 19 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 19 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 7 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 18 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.”*

# ***Sponsorship***

## **TOPS Friendly Markets**

*Sponsors for 19 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 19 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 6 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*

**November 2013**



**Steven Edwards**

**12<sup>th</sup> grade**

**East High School**

Steven was nominated by his teacher Kyle Crandall, for his bravery and willingness to get involved. Steven intervened in a positive fashion during an incident at school in September when an altercation between two girls turned violent. Steven passively separated the girls and kept them separated on his own until a School Resource Officer arrived. Mr. Crandall was impressed with Steven's display of leadership and his ability to objectively intervene in a positive way. Steven is a member of the Junior Class Council and has been a student athlete his entire high school career, playing football and basketball.



**Todd Williams**

**5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Rochester Preparatory School**

Todd was nominated by his former principal, Dr. Beverley Pringle. One day at school last year, Todd approached Dr. Pringle and told her he knew of a student who had a knife. He did not know the student's name or where to find him but did everything he could to help Dr. Pringle locate the weapon. An investigation was conducted and a student was found to have a concealed weapon. Dr. Pringle said that Todd impressed her because he has struggled with making the right choices, but has now persevered and has learned it takes more courage to be a leader than a follower.



**Cosmo Lucania**

**4<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Webster Plank Road South**

Cosmo was nominated by his mother, Stephanie Lucania. One Saturday morning at home, Cosmo found his sister on the floor in the midst of a diabetic seizure. Cosmo got juice for his sister and gave it to his Mom. Cosmo gave information to the 911 operator, waited for the ambulance to arrive and directed them to his sister. Cosmo's awareness, maturity and fast actions kept a treatable medical emergency from becoming a fatal incident. At school, Cosmo is energetic, funny and is always willing to work hard to do his best.



**Nilaya Ocasio**

**6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Kodak Park School # 41**

Nilaya was nominated by her school’s violence prevention specialist, Juanita Vargas, because of her courageous stand against bullying and her willingness to use her voice to speak for those who are afraid to speak for themselves. Nilaya refused to be provoked into a physical altercation at the end of the last school year. Her courage is an example for us all. Nilaya’s teachers say, “Her classmates look up to her and she displays exemplary behavior and respect for others.”



**Skylar Johnson**

**9<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Brockport High School**

Skylar was nominated by her grandmother, Lisa Fess. Over the summer Skylar received a Facebook friend request from a stranger. Skylar reported this to her mother right away. Skylar and her mother quickly involved the Brockport Police Department. Skylar was instrumental in helping the Brockport Police Department build a case that led to the stranger's arrest. Skylar's decision to assist the Police was scary for her but she was worried a more vulnerable girl could be taken advantage of if the stranger was not stopped. Her courage and civic responsibility is to be admired. Skylar is a cheerleader for the Hamlin Hornets football team, and loves the Hunger Games series.

# *Student Profiles*

December 2013



**Laitiana Williams      6<sup>th</sup> grade      Montessori Academy School # 53**

The first Friday of the first full week of school at Montessori, Mrs. Johnson, a teacher there, had her cell phone stolen from her classroom. Laitiana got on the school bus at dismissal and she saw a younger student with a cell phone. Without being aware of the theft from Mrs. Johnson, she struck up a conversation and discovered the student had stolen the phone from Mrs. Johnson. Laitiana chastised the student, telling them it is not ok to steal, especially from teachers who are trying to help you and who do so much for you. Laitiana then took the phone from the student, turned it off and put it into her book bag. She told her Mom what happened when she arrived home. On Monday morning, Laitiana went directly to Mrs. Johnson, who is not her teacher and returned her phone. Mrs. Johnson was able to verify that her phone was charged but turned off all weekend. She was very grateful to Laitiana for returning her phone and so nominated Laitiana for doing the right thing.



**Marquis Young**

**12<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Fairport High School**

Marquis was nominated by a First Student school bus manager, Linda Ross. Marquis was one of sixteen other high school students on a bus going home. A substitute driver stopped at the assigned stop, and a student loudly complained that the driver had passed by where he is normally dropped off. The disagreement rapidly escalated to an argument. Marquis exhibited excellent leadership and judgment by maintaining his own composure and swiftly removing the student from the situation. His actions quelled a situation that would have only worsened. Marquis plays running back for the Fairport High School Varsity Football Team and plans to head to college in the fall of 2014.



**Neriah Santiago**

**12<sup>th</sup> grade**

**School of the Arts**

Neriah was nominated by a family friend, Nidia Saltares, who admires Neriah’s dedication to community and her talent. Neriah can often be found volunteering with her Dad at Open Door Mission and assists with an organization her Mother founded called “Operation Save a Life”, which assists families who have lost loved ones to violence. Neriah sings to entertain at many community events and often competes in singing competitions sponsored by Church outreach programs. Neriah just made her first music video and is working on a gospel CD.



**Anthony Burkins**

**6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Francis Parker School #23**

Anthony was nominated by his principal, Rhonda Morien. Anthony is a role model at school and serves in the role of School Safety and Standard Bearer. When a new student came to school with behavioral challenges, making it difficult for them to transition from the bus to the classroom, Anthony offered to help the younger student. He led the student by the hand from the bus and into school, then sat down and had breakfast with him. Every day since, Anthony meets the student in the morning, eats with him and then takes him to class. This has helped the other student tremendously. Following Anthony's example, other 6<sup>th</sup> graders have asked for the opportunity to help out younger students. His leadership, patience and compassion has made a positive impact across the school. Anthony enjoys playing video games when not at school.



## **Jonathan Chanthavong    5<sup>th</sup> grade    Abelard Reynolds School #42**

Jonathan was nominated by his teacher, Susan Ritchie. Jonathan's class had two fire drills, one right after the other, in 45 degree weather. During the second fire drill, Jonathan offered his sweatshirt to a girl in his class as he noticed she was cold, exposing himself to the cold. This is typical behavior for Jonathan on an everyday basis. He always does the right thing by showing kindness to others, leading by example, and maintaining a positive attitude. He is a friend to all and treats everyone with respect. His gallant behavior during the fire drill was just an example of this young man's caring and compassion for others.

# Student Profiles

January 2014



**Laurence Cotton      11<sup>th</sup> grade      Vanguard Collegiate High School**

On November 7, 2013 Laurence was walking to school and observed a group of three boys surrounding two other Vanguard students and attempting to forcibly take personal items from them. This had become a pattern in recent weeks in the area around the school. Laurence walked up to the group and told the three aggressors to leave the two students alone. The aggressors walked away and this allowed the two students to make it to school safely. Laurence did not know the two students he protected, but was courageous enough to step in.



<b>Teagan Holmes</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	<b>Northside Elementary School</b>
<b>Sarah Danesh</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	<b>Northside Elementary School</b>
<b>Elisabeth "Elle" Liberatore</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>Northside Elementary School</b>

Teagan, Sarah and Elle were nominated by their teacher, Jill Mallaber. In August, the girls made baked goods for three days. When finished, the girls had a bake sale to raise money for DayStar, a pediatric medical daycare program designed to serve families of medically fragile infants and young children. In all they raised \$110. This is the second year Elle, Teagan and Sarah have done this and plan to make it an annual event.



**Kyonna Ford**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**John Walter Spencer School #16**

Kyonna was nominated by her teacher Diane Pogoda. On November 7, 2013 in an afterschool program, two students bullied another student bringing that child to tears. Kyonna eloquently wrote a letter to her teacher on what had transpired and the teacher was able to handle the situation immediately. Kyonna's teacher felt she showed courage in getting involved to help another student.

# Student Profiles

## February 2014



**Natalie Hoppe**

**12<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Penfield High School**

Natalie was nominated by Gloria Onderdonk, a friend of her family. Natalie was nominated for her volunteerism and her commitment to her community. Natalie taught role model behavior, such as family values and respect over the summer in her church. She helps take care of her grandmother who is home bound and lives with her family. Natalie also volunteers in the Hispanic community by participating in numerous fundraisers for organizations such as Latinos Unidos and United Nations. Natalie has participated in a dance troupe since she was 7 or 8 years old. The Arco Iris Mexicano has performed traditional Mexican dances at the Memorial Art Gallery for the past 10 years giving a free performance on Hispanic Family Day.



**Deonna Baker**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Nathaniel Hawthorne School #25**

**Imani Hughes**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Nathaniel Hawthorne School #25**

Deonna and Imani were nominated by their school Librarian, Janice Daitz. Deonna observed someone being bullied and attempted to talk to the person, as well as, the person doing the bullying. Because of the incident, Deonna and her friend Imani decided to form a group to talk about bullying in their school and to try to find ways to stop it. They thought about the school values and asked friends to join the group. They, together with their group, came up with the slogan “Think B4 You Act” B-safe, B-Strong, B-Smart, and B aware if someone is being bullied, which is now displayed on posters throughout their school.



**Stefano Daza                      12<sup>th</sup> Grade                      McQuaid Jesuit High School**

Stefano was nominated by a friend of his family, Adriana Hoppe, and his mother Gloria Onderdonk. Stefano was nominated for his work helping children with disabilities, for founding the conservation project “Re-wilding New York State” and for his outstanding volunteerism in his community. Stefano has spent his summer vacation for the past six years volunteering at Camp Awakening; a camp for children with physical disabilities. For his “Re-wilding” project, Stefano recruited a team of 16 students and a teacher to research the possibility of reintroducing specific animal species into wilderness areas in New York State to better balance the ecology. Stefano has over 1300 hours of community service, although his requirement is 100 hours. He also volunteers at various civic organizations which include the Memorial Art Gallery and Friends of Strong Hospital.



**Jennel Bryce**                      **12<sup>th</sup> grade**                      **Vanguard Collegiate High School**

Jennel was nominated by her teacher and mentor, Sue Hollister. During a conversation with the director of the Loop Ministries, a food pantry at the Reformation Lutheran Church, Jennel learned that the food pantry was extremely low on food and their funding was depleted with no hope of anymore funding until July 2014. Jennel decided to coordinate a food drive to collect donations. She rallied nine fellow classmates and other volunteers. They walked house to house collecting 350 food items. Jennel attends the Upward Bound program at the University of Rochester, which helps students make a successful transition from high school to college. She has also volunteered at many community events, including those at other city schools.

# Student Profiles

March 2014



**Kobe McCray**

**5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Neil Armstrong Elementary School**

Kobe was nominated by the Assistant Principal, Philip Ortolani. In December, one of Kobe's classmates brought his wallet to school. In the wallet was the classmate's birthday money that he had just received totaling \$130. The classmate accidentally left the wallet with the money on the bus. Kobe, not knowing who the wallet belonged to, gave the wallet to the bus driver. The wallet along with all the money was returned to the classmate.



**Spencer Burns**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade**

**John Walton School #16**

Spencer was nominated by Vincent Alexander, the director of Quad A, an after school program that Spencer attends. Spencer volunteers his time to help tutor younger students in various subjects while at Quad A. In December, Spencer assisted in handing out and delivering 886 pounds of food to needy families for the holidays. Spencer is a leader often helping to make his peers as successful as they can be.



**Rayne Webb    12<sup>th</sup> Grade    Rochester Early College International**

Early in the school year, Rayne had the idea to throw a “Fall Bash” dance; however, in accordance with the school’s goals, she wanted it to mean something and make it more than just a dance. So Rayne and 2 other girls offered discounted tickets to the dance to anyone who donated a non-perishable food item. The Fall Bash was a big success and the girls were able to donate 3 large boxes of food items to the food pantry of the Church of God by Faith in the school’s neighborhood.



**Muhaimin Muhammad 7<sup>th</sup> grade Mary McLeod Bethune School #45**  
**Samad Muhammad 7<sup>th</sup> grade Mary McLeod Bethune School #45**

Muhaimin and Samad were nominated by their neighbor, Antoinette Downing. In January, Antoinette's daughter lost her school identification, bus pass, and keys. She did not realize she had lost them until she got home. The identification had her address on it and her house key was with it. Muhaimin and Samad came to her home and returned the lost items. Ms. Downing was particularly impressed that they made it a priority to help someone they did not know when it was snowing hard and bitterly cold. These two young men put someone else's need ahead of their own which is a model of citizenship we should all aspire to.

# Student Profiles

April 2014



**Diamante Swift**

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**STEM High School**

Diamante was nominated by Gemma Humphries, a school advisor. In January, Diamante was selected as part of a group of 20 students to perform in a school talent show. A student with developmental disabilities was also given a chance to be in the show. Advisors and school staff were working with this individual but they only saw slight improvement and his participation in the show was questionable. Diamante was asked to work with this student as he was one of the best dancers in the program. Diamante became the student's coach and showed the compassion and patience of someone well beyond his years. With Diamante's encouragement, acceptance and sensitivity the student performed confidently at the 2014 Edison's Got Talent Show and received an enthusiastic crowd reaction. Diamante's mentoring and role model behavior is an example for us all.



**Calvin Moyer          6<sup>th</sup> grade          Oliver Middle School (Brockport)**

Calvin was nominated by Superintendent of Brockport Schools, Dr. Lesli Myers. In December, Calvin wanted to participate in Random Act of Kindness Friday which was started by a Brockport teacher and encourages students to perform random acts of kindness in their community. Calvin, his mother and younger sister, decided to bake cookies for a neighbor who had lost a family member. However, Calvin's kindness was extended when he found \$180 in the snow while leaving his dentist's office. Calvin began a search for the owner by inquiring at the businesses nearby and speaking to employees. He was then approached by a man who stated he had lost about \$200. It turns out the man had been unemployed and was catering a party in the complex to make ends meet. Calvin's acts of kindness did not end there. On the way home Calvin saw an occupied car with a flat tire. He immediately rolled down the window and offered the driver his assistance. Calvin's actions are a model of citizenship and kindness that his school and family can be proud of.



**Bryan Cicilia**

**12<sup>th</sup> grade**

**All City High School**

Bryan was nominated by Francine Martella, a staff member at his high school. In December, Bryan received a text from his close friend and classmate. The student was missing from class and the text simply read “bridge”. Without hesitation, Bryan informed the classroom teacher of the situation and immediately went to the bridge nearest to the school. When school staff and law enforcement arrived, Bryan was comforting his distraught friend. Bryan’s decisive action and compassion prevented what could have been a horrible tragedy.

# Student Profiles

May 2014



**Edwin Trinidad**

**7th Grade**

**John Williams School #5**

Edwin was nominated by his Assistant Principal, LoWan Brown, for Edwin's display of compassion and for being a good samaritan. While on the bus to school, a student seated near Edwin was struck in the forehead with a can of soda. Edwin went immediately to the front of the bus, collected the first aid kit, told the bus driver what happened and administered first aid to the student. Edwin did not have the assistance of or direction from an adult, but acted out of his own compassion and stayed with the student until the authorities arrived.



**Breanna Fox**

**12th Grade**

**Boces Start/ALA High School**

In August of 2013, Breanna had major surgery at Strong Memorial Hospital. During her recovery there, she discovered that a fellow student she had befriended at school was also in the hospital battling a serious illness. The day after her surgery, with the help of two nurses, Breanna made it a point to visit her friend, lifting both their spirits. Despite continued struggles with health issues, Breanna finds it in her heart to reach out to others and is a member of several volunteer organizations.



**Mike Ortega    12th Grade    Edison Work Experience Program**

Mike was nominated by one of his teachers, Ms. LaPlaca, for his courage and empathy displayed during a crisis. Mike, his teaching assistant and his classmates became trapped in an elevator for about 40 minutes. Despite his own special needs, Mike kept everyone calm and reassured and remained calm himself. Mike is referred to as respectful, an excellent student and one that can always be counted on to do the right thing.



**Tumia Johnson**

**6th Grade**

**Henry W. Longfellow School #36**

Tumia was nominated by her teacher for her thoughtfulness and honesty. Tumia found a wallet and gave it directly to her teacher without even looking inside. Together, she and her teacher found the student the wallet belonged to and Tumia returned it to her. Her teacher, Ms. Najman, says that this is typical of Tumia caring about someone else and worried about them receiving their property.



**Navaar Poole**

**12th Grade**

**Aquinas Institute**

Ray Smith, the Director of Next Level Hoops nominated Navaar for his volunteer work with Next Level hoops camps, workouts, and Catholic Youth Organization basketball. Navaar has a love of basketball and enjoys passing his knowledge on to the younger players. He helps them with dribbling, shooting and passing drills. Navaar also volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and the mayoral campaign. He currently volunteers for the Ronald McDonald house providing "grab and go" lunches for parents and children travelling to the hospital. Navaar is a black belt in Tae Kwan Do, and was named his varsity basketball team's MVP for the 2013 Sectional games.

# Student Profiles

June 2014



<b>Teodoro Santiago</b>	<b>12th Grade</b>	<b>School of the Arts</b>
<b>Daniel Wise-Lowry</b>	<b>12th Grade</b>	<b>All City High School @ Marshall</b>
<b>Kelly Lu</b>	<b>12th Grade</b>	<b>All City High School @ Marshall</b>

These three students were nominated by School Social Worker, Gloria LaJuett, for their sense of civic responsibility and compassion. While driving to school on a cold morning in March, the three stopped to assist a woman who was lying on the ground at a bus stop apparently having a seizure. While contacting 911, they were joined by a volunteer firefighter and they all cared for and comforted the woman until an ambulance arrived. All three students are described as diligent, polite and destined for careers in public service. Daniel and Theo are described as hard-working and determined, while Kelly will graduate third in her class. All three students are enrolled in the Pathways to Community Service program.



**Andre Torres**

**7th Grade**

**University Preparatory**

Andre was nominated by two different staff members at his former school, Kathleen Quinlan and Marcie Engel of Dr. Louis A. Cerulli School #34 in the City. When Andre was a student at #34 school he attended an after school program, known as Quad A. Without being asked to do so, Andre voluntarily began showing up at Quad A twice or more a week. He helps students with their homework, helps the staff set up for dinner and assists with other projects. Ms. Quinlan describes Andre as respectful and always willing to do whatever is asked of him. Ms. Engel admires the example Andre sets for the students, as he interacts with them and the adults.



## **Kendrick McQueen 10th Grade Leadership Academy for Young Men**

Kendrick was nominated by his Science teacher, Mr. DeRycke. Kendrick was the only student who came to his teacher's aid when he was injured in class. It happened very quickly, but when the bell ending the school day rang, all the students left the room; except for Kendrick, who contacted the Chemistry teacher and School Nurse. The school nurse performed first aid and Kendrick stayed with Mr. DeRycke until after the school day was over and made sure his teacher was okay before he left for the day.

# The 2013-2014 “Do The Right Thing” Scholarship Winners

*The following “Do The Right Thing” Award recipients received a \$1000 scholarship to the college or university of their choice*



February 2014 Do the Right Thing award recipient, Natalie Hoppe graduated from Penfield High School and will study Biology at Cornell University



February 2014 Do the Right Thing award recipient, Stefano Daza graduated from McQuaid Jesuit High School and will study Biology at the University of Rochester



March 2013 Do The Right Thing award recipient, Tayanna Chandler, graduated from Vanguard High School and will study Criminal Justice at the College at Brockport (SUNY)

# Hispanic Heritage Month

*September 2013*

Do The Right Thing hosted "Game-on" Students from School #35 spent the morning touring the Public Safety Building and playing board games with Officers



# Black Heritage Month

*February 2014*

Do The Right Thing hosted "Game-on" Students from School #20 spent the morning touring the Public Safety Building and playing board games with Officers

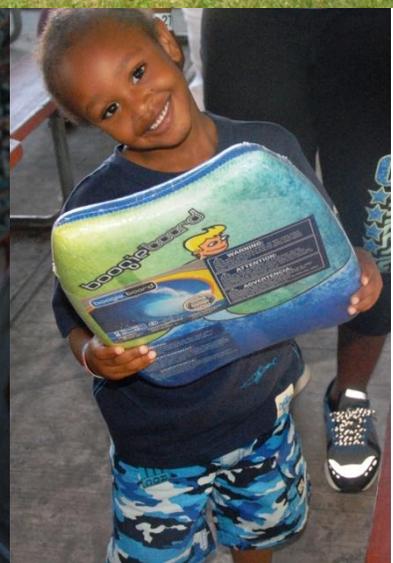
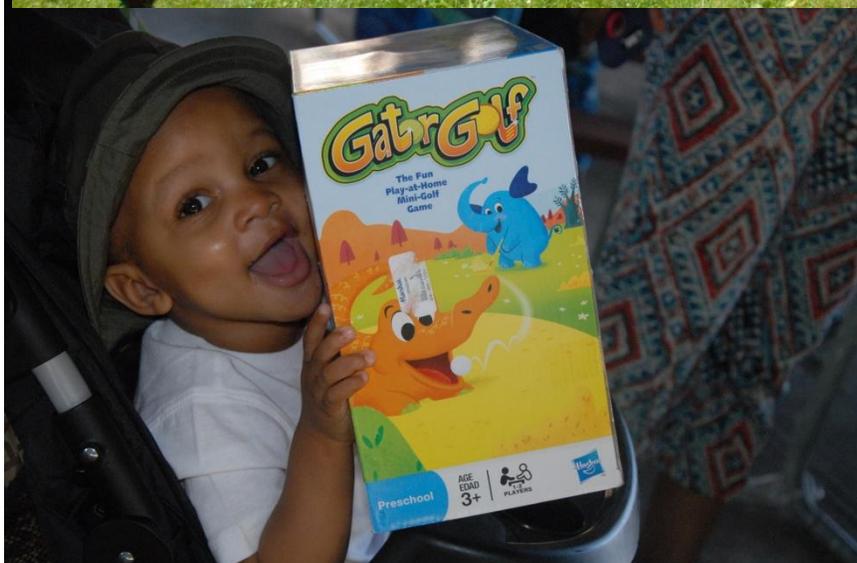


# Annual “Do The Right Thing” Family Celebration

## Seabreeze Amusement Park

### June 27, 2014

At the end of the school year, Seabreeze Amusement Park hosts our family celebration featuring the past year's winners and their families. The families enjoy our scholarship presentation, pictures, lunch, toy raffles and a free 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 happy to be able to give our winners' families a day to celebrate together.



# Buffalo Bills Training Camp

*August 6, 2014*



For the past six years, the Buffalo Bills have graciously invited our award recipients to visit the team at their training camp and giving them the VIP treatment!  
Thank you Buffalo Bills!!



# Camp Good Days

## August 11-15, 2014



*Pictured: Sgt. D. Hammond, DTRT award recipients: Karena Thomas, Akai Bertrand, Nilaya Ocasio, Breanna Fox, Todd Williams, and RPD School Resource Officer Bonita Powell*

For the past thirteen years, Camp Good Days has hosted a week long camping experience for our award recipients. Thank you Camp Good Days!!

## Do The Right Thing of Rochester Inc. Balance Sheet as of 7/31/2014

	<u>July 31, 14</u>	<u>July 31, 13</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Total Checking/Savings - Discretionary	15,636.36 *	7,160.75	8,475.61	118.36%
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>15,636.36</u></b>	<b><u>7,160.75</u></b>	<b><u>8,475.61</u></b>	<b><u>118.36%</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
Equity				
Opening Bal Equity	581.74	581.74	0.00	0.0%
Unrestricted Net Assets	6,579.01	8,663.20	-2,084.19	-24.06%
Net Income	<u>8,475.61</u>	<u>-2,084.19</u>	<u>10,559.80</u>	<u>506.66%</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b><u>15,636.36</u></b>	<b><u>7,160.75</u></b>	<b><u>8,475.61</u></b>	<b><u>118.36%</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>15,636.36</u></b>	<b><u>7,160.75</u></b>	<b><u>8,475.61</u></b>	<b><u>118.36%</u></b>

\* Available Balance Includes \$2,000 Committed for Scholarships Awarded in Fiscal Year 2013-14

### Do The Right Thing of Rochester Inc. Revenue & Expense Year Ending 7/31/2014 August 2013 – July 2014

<b>Income</b>		
<b>Foundation and Trust Grants</b>		
Restricted	7,000.00	
Unrestricted	400.00	
Corporate Contributions	5,500.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue	104.00	
Seabreeze Receipts	<u>854.20</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>13,858.20</b>	
<b>Expense</b>		
Scholarships*	1,000.00	<b>Restricted</b>
Miscellaneous Expense	103.68	
Business Expenses - DMJ	356.89	<b>Restricted</b>
DTRT Ceremonies - DMJ	1,495.68	<b>Restricted</b>
Other Costs - DMJ	179.97	<b>Restricted</b>
Program Expense - DMJ	128.50	<b>Restricted</b>
Program Expenses - Other	193.46	
Seabreeze - DMJ	<u>1,924.41</u>	<b>Restricted</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>5,382.59</u></b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>8,475.61</u></b>	

DMJ = Daisy Marquis Jones

\*Two additional scholarships are committed for \$1,000 each



## **Thank you**

**Mayor Lovely Warren**

*For your continued support*

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

*For your continued support*

**Superintendent Bolgen Vargas**

*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*

**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*

**Sgt. Deidre Hammond**

*For volunteering to speak on camera*

**Lily Sepulveda-Soto, Carmen  
Pellegrino, Diani Perez, and  
Mary Ann Papaleo**

*For your helping hands!*

*Report submitted by Sydnie Evans and Diani Perez 9-30-2014*

# **Do The Right Thing Ceremony Dates for Program Year 2014 - 2015**

All ceremonies are held in the City Public Safety Building at 185 Exchange Boulevard @ 10:30 am in the lobby. Board meetings are held directly after the ceremony from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

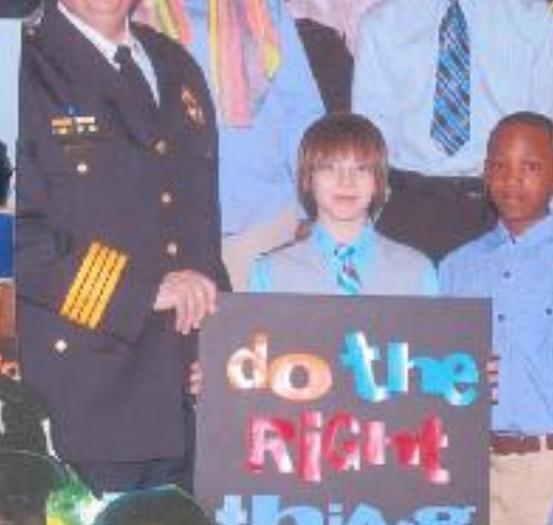
Thursday October 30, 2014

Thursday December 18, 2014

Thursday February 12, 2015

Thursday April 9, 2015

Thursday June 4, 2015



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