

**“Do The Right Thing”
2008-2009
Annual Report**



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HISTORY OF PROGRAM

- ** **“DO THE RIGHT THING”** program was born in 1990 in the Miami Police Department. On October 7th, 1995, the model was adopted by the Rochester Police Department when they received permission to start a Rochester Chapter of **“DO THE RIGHT THING”**.

- ** **“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.

- ** 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”** Award program was established, with students selected on a bimonthly basis for recognition by the police department for their outstanding accomplishments.

- ** **“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” Staff, clockwise: Wanda Markert (Program Coordinator), Officer Deidre Taccone (Program Director), Lt. Richard Schill (Program Director), Harriet VerHunce (Support Staff)



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STUDENT PROFILES



September/October



November/December



January/February



March/April



May/June

September 2008

Milan Chong

7th Grade

Martha Brown Middle School

Milan was nominated by her 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Nelson, for helping a fellow student in need. Milan found a fellow student unconscious in the hallway at school. Acting quickly, Milan ran and got help from an adult to assist the student. Not only is Milan compassionate and caring, she is a very talented young girl who can sing, dance and play the flute. Milan's quick thinking and compassion may have saved a fellow student's life.

Raven Florence

4th Grade

Henry W. Longfellow School No. 36

Ms. Tillman, Raven's teacher, nominated her for her quick thinking and desire to help others. Raven was in the cafeteria during lunch when a fellow student dropped his money in the garbage can full of trash. Raven immediately stuck her hands in the garbage can and assisted her classmate in locating his money even though the garbage can was full of discarded lunches. Raven did this without being asked because she knew it was the right thing to do by helping her classmate.

Dasia Jenkins

4th Grade

Lakeshore Elementary School

Assistant District Attorneys Sara VanStrydonck and Kristina Karle nominated Dasia for her courage and quick thinking. Dasia was a witness to a very violent crime while she was at home with her younger siblings. Dasia was able to get her younger brother and sister out of the house and call 911 to get assistance. Dasia provided the 911 operator with all of the necessary information to get the police and the emergency medical assistance that was needed at the scene. Not only was Dasia able to remain calm and courageous during the incident, but she was also able to testify in court and be a key witness for the prosecution of the case.

Angelee Knorr

12th Grade

East Rochester High School

Angelee was nominated by her mother, Mary Kay Knorr, for her quick thinking in a possible medical emergency. Angelee was on the school bus with another student when the student began to have trouble breathing. Angelee thought that the other student may have been having an asthma attack. Angelee, who has exercise induced asthma, talked to the other student in order to calm her down and continued to tell the other student to breathe. Once the bus arrived at the school Angelee ran into the school to get assistance from the principal and the nurse. Angelee's quick thinking helped keep a bad situation from getting worse.

Virgil Parker

6th Grade

St. Josephs School

Virgil Parker was nominated by Kitty Callahan, a 911 operator, for his quick thinking in a medical emergency. Virgil was at home with his grandmother when he noticed that she was not doing well. He called 911 in order to get assistance for his grandmother who is diabetic. Virgil was very forthcoming with information, very polite and was showing great concern for his grandmother's well-being. Virgil's quick thinking helped the situation from possibly getting worse.

October 2008

Salina Rodriguez

5th Grade

Dr. Louis A Cerulli School No. 34

Salina was nominated by her Vice Principal, Mr. Dam. He nominated Salina for her quick thinking in an emergency situation. Salina was at home with her mother when she noticed her mother falling to the floor. Salina was able to call 911 and provide all of the necessary information to the dispatcher to get help for her mother. Once the EMS personnel arrived she let them into the house in order to assist her mother who was having a heart attack. Salina's quick thinking may have saved her mother's life.

Jacob Rupert

8th Grade

Greece Apollo Middle School

Kathleen Rupert, Jacob's mother nominated him for a quick response to a hazardous situation. Jacob went outside to throw something in the recycle bin when he noticed a fire in the backyard of a house across the street. Jacob ran into the house and told his mother to call 911 because there was a fire. Jacob ran back outside and learned that a shed and the privacy fence were on fire. Jacob's quick thinking possibly saved the house that was only 20-30 feet away from being ignited as well.

Serena Ayala

4th Grade

Village Elementary School

Kaitlyn Webster

4th Grade

Village Elementary School

Serena and Kaitlyn were nominated by Kaitlyn's mother, Carrie Webster, for responding quickly to a dangerous and possibly deadly situation. Kaitlyn and Serena were outside with their cousin who was 22 months old. They noticed that their cousin had fallen into the pool. They managed to pull her out of the pool to safety while calling for help. Due to their quick thinking, they may have saved their cousin's life.

Donnivon Dodd

8th Grade

East High School

Donnivon was nominated by Rochester Police Officer Garth Mitchell. Officer Mitchell nominated Donnivon for his willingness to assist others in a time of need. Officer Mitchell responded to a busy intersection of South Ave because a Poland Springs water delivery truck had lost several five gallon bottles of water. Without prompting Donnivon went to aid Officer Mitchell and the Poland Springs delivery person with removing the water bottles from the roadway while many others just stood by watching.

November 2008

Trinity Burton

8th Grade

North West College Preparatory School

Savanna Upshaw

10th Grade

North West College Preparatory School

Trinity and Savanna were nominated by Mr. Sean P. Pogue, Administrator of Building Operations for the College Prep School at Douglass. Mr. Pogue reports on October 15, 2008, while riding a RTS bus to school both Savanna and Trinity observed two female students from another school verbally abusing another female student from a different school. When the girls all disembarked from the bus the two girls who were verbally abusing this girl proceeded to punch and kick the girl. These girls even displayed a knife. Without thinking of their own safety; Savanna and Trinity stepped in to help the victim causing the other girls to run off. They comforted the victim until police arrived. It is without a doubt that Trinity and Savanna's courageous actions kept this female victim from serious injury that could have resulted in a fatality.

Joshua Bridges

6th Grade

Flower City School #54

Joshua was nominated by Ms. Alice Lombardo, a teacher at school #14. In August of 2008, after shopping at The Public Market, Ms. Lombardo became the victim of a robbery. The suspect, an 18 year old male, stole her purse. Ms Lombardo struggled with the suspect, however he got away. Joshua was instrumental in assisting Officer Bongiovanni with the identification and location of the suspect; his decision to help led to the arrest and successful prosecution of the suspect. Ms. Lombardo was very grateful to Joshua as she was able to retrieve some of her property, and claims his actions have renewed her faith in young people.

Kristina Chapell

12th Grade

Fairport High School

Kristina was nominated by her Aunt Catherine Carbonell. For the past three years, Kristina has organized a backpack and school supply drive for students in Mrs. Jill Roberts 1st and 5th grade classes at school #19. Kristina has collected hundreds of backpacks through the distribution of fliers and attending garage sales. This year Kristina has expanded her work to include the collection of winter coats for students and has already exceeded her expectations. She has called this project "the Power of one" to exemplify the ability that any one person has. Kristina's actions to provide for others have made her Aunt and family very proud.

Linai Weatherspoon

8th Grade

School Of The Arts

Maria Mendicino, a Crisis Intervention Specialist at SOTA, nominated Linai for the courage, patience and friendship she displayed on Sept. 24, 2008. On this date Linai received a text message from a friend who stated he “had a gun to his head” trying to decide if he wanted to end his life. She texted him back urging him to stop and go to school to talk with someone. Linai, although afraid for her friend, spoke with Ms. Mendicino about the situation who in turn was able, after several text messages to Linai’s friend, to obtain enough information to get him the help he needed. Linai’s actions took tremendous courage and understanding and most likely saved her friends life.

December 2008

Janiya Brooks

3rd Grade

Henry W. Long Fellow School # 36

Mr. Paul Montanarello, Principal at #36, nominated Janiya for reporting to her teacher of the potential for a major incident involving a student coming to school with a pocket knife. Janiya saw the knife in another student’s pocket. Janiya recognized the knife as a potentially dangerous weapon and knew the knife was a violation of the school rules.

Rashad McGlory

4th Grade

George Mather Forbes School #4

Rashad was nominated by Joann Polhemus, an operator at the 911 Emergency Communications Center. Ms. Polhemus received a hang up call from a location and upon calling the number back spoke with Rashad. Rashad indicated he and his brothers were jumped and his brother’s book bag was stolen while on their way home. Rashad was able to provide the address where the incident occurred, descriptions and names of the suspects. He also advised the operator that his mother was out looking for the suspects. Rashad was able to remain calm and focused during the entire call and remained on the phone until he saw his mother outside talking to an officer.

Cameron Odum

4th Grade Nathaniel Rochester Community School #3

Ms. Susan Passineau, School Administrator, nominated Cameron for immediately turning in \$30.00 he found to his teacher. His teacher was able to return the money to the person who dropped it. Cameron’s honesty and good decision making is to be commended.

Chris Reed

4th Grade

Indian Landing Elementary School

Chris was nominated by his Principal, who described him as a “peacemaker” who is always conscious and helping others. On the first day of school a little girl was told by another child on the playground she couldn’t play. Chris reminded the group of the playground and school rules: “Everyone gets to play!” Chris has a friend who has juvenile diabetes and both he and his family are involved in The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Chris is described by his teacher as someone who lives “Do The Right Thing” and is a consistent role model for others.

Nicholas Morticelli

12th Grade

Penfield High School

Ms. Geraldine Lesniak, aunt of Nicholas, nominated him for his consistent volunteer efforts. Nicholas has volunteered his time for the past five years at the Penfield Public Library with their used book sales. For the past 4 years he has taken part in a baseball clinic at Penfield High School teaching young players about the game. He also has been actively involved with the Special Olympics. Nicholas has great compassion for people and life.

January 2009

Katrina Murray

8th Grade

Greece Apollo Middle School

Katrina was nominated by Mr. Bill Brooks, Teacher/Football Coach for Apollo Middle School. Mr. Brooks advises on November 3rd, 2008, following a football game, a spectator collapsed and went into a seizure. Katrina observed the gentleman and immediately went to his aid. She remained calm while attending to him; she realized he was in need of medical assistance and immediately used her cell phone to call 911. Katrina related as much information as she could to the 911 dispatcher. She provided not only information about the victim but was able to communicate exactly where they were to ensure a quick response by the emergency response team. Katrina is described as a hard worker who is modest and thinks of others. There is no doubt that as a result of her quick actions, clear thinking, and calm demeanor, the gentleman was given the proper treatment and transported to the hospital for further care.

Daniel Erne

12th Grade

Churchville Chili High School

Daniel was nominated by his father Dave Erne who describes Daniel as having a strong level of community stewardship. Over the past several years, Daniel has volunteered his time taking care of landscaping activities for an elderly couple in the neighborhood, and other residents. Daniel refused to take money from them. When the elderly gentleman of the house passed away, Daniel went out of his way to continue helping the family in every way possible. Recently, in December 2008 he, along with some friends, observed a head-on collision where one driver was seriously injured. Daniel ran to the car, provided assistance, and called 911. While doing so, Daniel remained calm and collective, and provided the necessary information to get him the medical help needed. Daniel also received the "Hands of Christ Award" from St. Pius Tenth Church in Chili.

Nicholas Reiss

11th Grade

East Rochester High School

Nicholas Reiss, a student at East Rochester High School, was nominated by his stepmother Karen Reiss. While enroute to school on December 12th, 2008, he observed several children lying in the middle of Main Street in East Rochester. Nicholas immediately exited the car, ran to the aid of the children, and called 911. Nicholas remained extremely calm in a very critical, life-threatening situation, as he rendered aid to the child who was unconscious and provided comfort to the older brother. Nicholas' actions prevented further injury to one of the children as the older brother attempted to move one of the children. Nicholas advised the brother not to move the child as this may further complicate their injuries. There is no doubt that Nicholas' compassion and quick thinking played a critical role assisting with a quick medical response. Nicholas is also active in the varsity football team and lacrosse. He is described as a very focused and disciplined student with strong work ethics.

Cheyann Pifer

5th Grade

Henry W. Longfellow School No. 36

Cheyann was nominated by Dianna Starr, who described Cheyann as a "special child". Cheyann had a passion to continue the Pencil Project started by her late teacher Ms. Lynn Hoyt to collect 10,000 pencils for their school. Cheyann took the initiative to write personal letters extending the invitation to families, local businesses, and companies throughout the country. Although the 5th graders and the school made this the Lynn Hoyts Pencils Project in her memory, Cheyann went beyond what was expected of the students. Both Cheyann and the entire class poured their heart and soul into accomplishing Ms. Hoyt's dream, far exceeding their goal.

Kamren BuFearon

4th Grade

Nathaniel Rochester Community School No. 3

A student by the name of Benjamin Rodriguez nominated Kamren for his honesty and integrity. Ben reports getting off the school bus anxious because he lost his wallet. Kamren, who rode the same bus, found the wallet and instantly returned it to his assistant principal. In Ben's wallet were all of his contents: money, license, and gift cards. Kamren did not previously know Ben Rodriguez and when they met, Kamren was described by Ben as a mature, well-mannered child.

February 2009

Amy Welch

12th Grade

Monroe High School

Amy Welch was nominated by her school resource officer, Officer Virgil Ross. On November 13th, 2008, at around 4:50 a.m., Amy, after being awoken by the smoke detector, grabbed her cell phone and called 911. Amy saw flames, went into her parent's bedroom, woke them up and calmly said "Mom, Dad, a fire". Amy is also credited in helping awaken her neighbors who shared the four-family apartment unit. The Fire Department responded and the fire was contained to one unit; the person living in that unit was transported to the hospital and was going to be ok. Fire Officials credited Amy with helping to save the nearly dozen residents, as well as the remaining units of the building.

Brittany Frank

9th Grade

Wilson Foundation Academy

Ms. Alberta Frank nominated her daughter Brittany. On October 22nd, 2008, after having the last of her daycare children leave for the day, Ms. Frank sat down to eat and began to choke and could not breathe. Brittany observed her mom, who was in need of medical assistance, and immediately called 911. The 911 operator was able to keep Brittany calm as medical assistance was dispatched. Brittany remained calm which kept her mother from panicking. She was able to keep an eye on her mom while she waited for the firemen. Brittany is mom's hero.

Elizabeth Celata

12th Grade

Fairport High School

Elizabeth was nominated by her mother Erin Celata. Elizabeth was nominated for her unselfish caring acts to coordinate efforts in raising money for schools in Kenya, Africa. Elizabeth, while enrolled in Fairport High Schools International Baccalaureate program, has managed to participate in many benefits to help contribute to paying for the building of a classroom that will last 50 years in the Kenya climate. This building will replace ones made out of dung and mud, which are easily destroyed in harsh rains. Funds raised will also be used for materials to educate children. Elizabeth is also involved in Fairport's literary magazine "Dimensions", and she is a member of a variety of clubs, as well as volunteering for several organizations.

Kevin Mathew

10th Grade

McQuaid Jesuit High School

Mrs. MaryJo Mathew nominated her son Kevin for his compassion and strong leadership abilities. Kevin found out that his elementary school classmate's mother had died. Kevin immediately contacted his elementary school's classmates to encourage them to attend and sit together at the funeral. Kevin was instrumental in the coordination of transportation to the funeral. The support of these classmates to the grieving family was appreciated and helped the young man in the grieving process. Kevin is described by school officials as a conscientious and diligent worker, and considerate of others thoughts and feelings.

Brett Sweet

8th Grade

Honeoye Falls-Lima Middle School

Ms. Sue Muehleisen, a teacher at Honeoye Falls Middle School, nominated Brett. On November 20th, 2008, Brett and his mother were in a car accident. Brett's mom was injured and in need of medical attention. In this scary situation, Brett was able to remain calm and very much adult-like, calling 911 and the rest of the family. His quick thinking and calm demeanor contributed to providing them the necessary information to get emergency response to the location. Brett's mom's injuries required spending some time in the hospital. Once discharged, he helped around the house because she was unable to do so. Brett has a passion for animals and has his own chickens and egg business; He also really loves competing in motocross activities.

March 2009

Trevon Newsome

7th Grade

Thomas Jefferson High School

Trevon was nominated by Ms. Kelly Walker who stated that Trevon helped her son on the bus after another student stole his I-Pod. Trevon and the student got off the bus and returned to the stop where the incident occurred. Trevon attempted to retrieve the I-Pod from the group of kids who took it but was unable to. Trevon waited with the student until his mother Ms. Walker arrived. Trevon provided her with helpful information when she contacted the police. His counselor Ms. Majka said Trevon's willingness to step up and show great compassion for a complete stranger, who is also a younger student, shows great character. Trevon is consistently trying to do the right thing as he is a past recipient of the "Do The Right Thing" award.

Joseph Debellis

12th Grade

Eastridge High School

Joseph was nominated by Assistant Principal Mark Anson for his quick thinking and compassion for life. On February 25th, 2009, as students dismissed in front of Eastridge High School, a female student was struck by a passing vehicle. Immediately and with no regard for his own safety, Joe ran to the street and began to attend to the injured student. Joe is currently enrolled in advanced EMT courses through the school district, and while he could have gone home he instead checked on this student's vitals and attempted to communicate with her while help was called. Joe was able to assess her condition which assisted paramedics in stabilizing her and getting her prepared for transport in less than twenty minutes. This was a very busy week for Joe; as a volunteer for the Laurelton Fire Department he responded to a call on an elderly woman whom he helped resuscitate. She was "flat line", so he did compressions and the woman lived. Joe's actions were nothing less than heroic. Joe also finds the time to participate in the Fire Explorers Program and is an Eagle Scout.

Rahiim Smith

6th Grade

Martin B. Andrews School No. 1

Ms. Lynn Schramel, Rahiim's teacher nominated him for his courage and demonstrated leadership abilities. Rahiim displayed exemplary behavior when he helped preserve academic integrity during an in-class assessment. Rahiim also serves as a safety monitor, a job which he takes seriously.

Quillan Pontius

8th Grade

School Without Walls: Foundation Academy

Elide Cruz

8th Grade

School Without Walls: Foundation Academy

Officer Matthew Webster nominated Quillan Pontius and Elide Cruz for their unselfishness and trustworthiness. He reports that on March 17th, 2009, while he was on assignment, the two girls walked up to his patrol car and told him that someone had dropped an envelope of money on the sidewalk of East Main St. and Stillson St. near the bus stop, a highly traveled pedestrian area. The girls then handed him a Citizens Bank envelope with the writing "Car!!!". The girls didn't ask for recognition or to have their names taken and quickly left after asking the Officer to get the money to its rightful owner. The envelope contained \$1,620 in cash. After checking with the nearest Citizen's Bank, they were able to locate the customer who withdrew this amount. The money was eventually returned to her. On March 20th, 2009, on East Main Street, the girls once again approached Officer Webster and asked him if he was able to get the money to the owner. He said yes and added that the lady was very thankful. Again, the girls did not seek recognition. Officer Webster states: "I haven't seen many teens with the level of maturity or general concern for others that these girls displayed."

April 2009

Tyler Goodenough

8th Grade

East Rochester School District

School Resource Officer Scott Montcrieff nominated Tyler for his quick thinking and compassion. On February 4th, 2009, at about 3p.m., while walking home from school, Tyler heard a woman's voice calling out for help. Tyler responded to the plea and found Mrs. Barbaro lying on the front sidewalk to her home. She had fallen on the ice and suffered a compound fracture in her leg. She was not able to move and had been lying there for about a half hour before Tyler arrived. Tyler obtained Mrs. Barbaro's cell phone from her car which was in the garage. Tyler remained calm and stayed with Mrs. Barbaro until police and ambulance personnel arrived. There is no doubt that Tyler's quick action helped prevent further injuries.

Leilani Sloan

Kindergarten

Flower City School No. 54

Leilani was nominated by her teacher, Ms. Carrie Wright, for her compassion, maturity, and leadership. Leilani is described as coming to school everyday with a smile and an eagerness to help others, especially one particular student who has difficulties in many areas. While other students move away, Leilani reaches out to help him in any way she can. She has never been asked to do this and as a result she has helped the student to stay focused and on task.

Jessica Smith

4th Grade

Theodore Roosevelt School No. 43

Jessica was nominated by her mother, Angel Smith, for her quick thinking and compassion. Jessica was walking her dog when she heard a cry for help. Jessica found an elderly woman who had fallen on the ground. Jessica assured the woman that she would get help and ran home. Jessica then returned with her family who were able to assist the woman to safety. The woman was thankful and grateful to Jessica for coming to her aid. Jessica is described by her teacher as a hard worker who works to the best of her ability; she is a caring and conscientious student who takes pride in herself and her work.

May 2009

Aviella Winder

6th Grade

Martha Brown Middle School

Aviella was nominated by her grandmother, Sandra Gilbert, for her volunteerism and compassion for others. Aviella gives countless hours of her time each week as a member of the Soldiers' Angels Organization. This organization is responsible for sending care packages to our soldiers overseas. Aviella faithfully writes letters to our soldiers. She contributes to numerous fundraisers by giving up her own money, as well as utilizing her singing talents at fundraisers and celebrations. Aviella also volunteers for nursing homes and hospitals. She is described by school officials as a strong student who is a role model to her peers. She is mature, friendly, talented, and supportive of others. Most recently she was honored with "A Friend of the Post" Award by the Perington Memorial Post 8495. Aviella has graced us with her singing this morning.

Elvin Gutierrez

6th Grade

Pinnacle School No. 35

Donna Koperski, school librarian, nominated Elvin for his unwavering dedication as a school library aide. Every morning, before school begins, Elvin comes into the library, turns on all the computers, delivers laptop computers to assigned classrooms for the day, and completes any assignment requested. At the end of the day he ensures all of the computers are plugged in and charged for the next days use. Elvin faithfully does this everyday without any expectation or compensation. His positive attitude, dependable behavior, and honesty are commendable and make him a role model for his peers. Elvin is described by school officials as a good student, always willing to help, and a great resource on computers. Everyone depends on him.

Andrea Cohen

9th Grade

Monroe High School

Andrea was nominated by her School Resource Officer Virgil Ross because of her courageous behavior when faced with an adversity. Andrea handled a difficult life decision with respect to herself by coming forward with information that led to the successful identification of violent students that were eventually expelled from school. Andrea is described by school officials as being a hardworking, no-nonsense student who upholds high standards for herself and as a result does not succumb to negative peer pressure. She works hard to maintain good grades, she is focused, and is said by Officer Ross to be a model student.

Shanijah Bryant

2nd Grade

Henry W. Longfellow School #36

Mr. David Kurtz, the physical education teacher, nominated Shanijah for immediately turning in a small bag of marijuana. Shanijah, realizing this was unsafe, used good judgment in turning this in to her teacher. She is described by Mr. Montanarello as an excellent child who is eager to help and enjoys keeping the school clean, taking personal pride in her school environment.

David Lopez

11th Grade

Monroe High School

School Resource Officer Virgil Ross nominated David for his quick thinking and immediate response. On March 24th, while in the back of his apartment building, David observed a toddler near the second story window. He began to yell for help trying to draw attention to an adult when the child fell out of the window. The toddler fell out of the window landing on the cement surface. He immediately ran over and picked up the child and ran to get help. Once help arrived, it was learned that the child was 1 ½ years old. He was immediately rushed to Strong Hospital. It was later learned that the child sustained a broken pelvis and other injuries. There is no doubt that without David's involvement the child's injuries could have been life threatening. David is described as being a strong student with high standards for himself.

June 2009

Keith House

2nd Grade

Chester Dewey School #14

Keith was nominated by Troy McLymond of Rural Metro. On the afternoon of March 29th, 2009, while Keith was watching television he heard a loud thud coming from his mother's bedroom. Startled, he went to go check on her and discovered her on the floor. After he called 911 he took the first step in providing assistance. His mother is a known diabetic. Due to his quick and level headed thinking, Keith was able to get her the help she needed. Mr. McLymond described Keith as being calm and mature during this frightful time with his mother. Keith is described by Assistant Principal Matthews as a hard worker who is devoted to his family.

Jeremiah Anderson

2nd Grade

Frank Fowler Dow School # 52

Jeremiah's teacher, Kathie Alaimo, nominated him for being a model student in the classroom. He has demonstrated good decision making and leadership skills. He is described as a kind, helpful, and a caring child. Most recently there was a new student assigned to the classroom that Jeremiah took under his wing and was truly a good friend to. He has a way of providing positive, insightful, heart-warming comments to his classmates and family. He has excellent math skills which he shares with his peers. Jeremiah takes learning very seriously. He loves to play football. He has a mature way of dealing with his emotions and feelings, by which he writes them down. Although faced with negative influences on the bus, school and neighborhood, he finds a way to walk away and tell a responsible adult.

Saul Sanchez

2nd Grade

Enrico Fermie School #17

Amairani Arce

4th Grade

General Elwell S. Otis School #30

Saul and Amairani were nominated by Maureen Leigh, Saul's teacher and Ms. Diana Bryant, staff member for School #30, for their courage, bravery, and quick thinking. On March 20th, 2009 their brother suffered a life-threatening injury. Saul and Amairani, immediately and without hesitation, realized their brother was in dire need of medical attention and helped walk him to the corner store where a clerk at the store immediately called 911 and applied first aid. There is no doubt that without their immediate intervention his injury would have been fatal. Ms. Leigh describes Saul as a hero. He is a hardworking, likeable, and caring student who despite this terrible accident comes to school with a smile and is always eager to make people laugh. During this incident Amairani is described as being courageous, calm, and brave. In the school, she helps younger students and is also active in her church at St. Andrews.

Montres Rice-Goff

5th Grade

Adlai E. Stevenson School #29

Dr. Indrani Mitra, his teacher, nominated Montres for his excellent manners and strong work ethic. Montres received a perfect score on the New York State social studies exam. Montres has learned to develop leadership skills and passes the skills learned onto others whom he comes into contact with. He is a responsible student who serves as a school safety officer and standard barer. Montres is described as a positive role model for his peers. He attends the Boys & Girls Club regularly and is a member of the Boys Scouts.

Program Statistics

School Participation

This year's program recognized 74 students.

44 Schools participated

27 Urban Schools

13 Suburban Schools

3 Parochial Schools

1 Charter School

Top Schools for nominations received

Henry W. Longfellow School #36 – 9 nominations

Urban Choice Charter School - 4 nominations

Monroe High, East Rochester High, Nathaniel Rochester Community

School #4, and Fairport High – tied at 3 nominations

Grade Participation & Grade Winners

8th Grade/12th Grade – tied at 12 nominations

4th Grade/6th Grade – tied at 11 nominations

2nd Grade – 7 nominations

4th Grade – 11 winners

8th Grade – 9 winners

12th Grade – 7 winners

“Student First” Program Interview



On February 13th, 2009, City School District Student First Program Host Ms. Charmaine Cohen interviewed Chief David Moore, Ms Linai Weatherspoon, and her father Lydell Weatherspoon regarding her “Do The Right Thing” November Award. Linai’s individual actions demonstrated friendship, inner strength and courage.

“Do The Right Thing” Family Day Seabreeze Amusement Park July 7th, 2009

The Family Day Picnic was enjoyed by 136 “Do The Right Thing” winners and members of their families. Despite the rain everyone enjoyed the food, raffle, prizes, fellowship and the amusement park rides. Seabreeze provided the use of the parks amenities, rides and water park along with the pavilion. TOPS Friendly Market raffled five \$50.00 store gift cards and the Pirate Toy Fund donated age appropriate toys which were raffled off. Everyone had the opportunity to meet some of the Program sponsors and share each others “Do The Right Thing” stories.



2008-2009 Scholarship Winners



Daniel Erne graduated from Churchville High school this past year, and will major in business finance at SUNY Oswego in the fall. Elizabeth Celata graduated from Fairport High School this year, and will major in Anthropology/Psychology at Hartwick College in the fall. Both received a \$1000 scholarship to help with college expenses.

END OF THE YEAR STUDENT SURVEY

22 out of 49 responses were 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 your nomination come as a total surprise ?

I was aware of the nomination : 9

The nomination was a total surprise : 13

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

YES : 22 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 : 19 NO : 3

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 : 22 NO : 0

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

YES : 19 NO : 3

6) After being selected for the “Do The Right Thing” Program do you feel that you acquired a better attitude towards the school system and the Rochester Police Department ?

Already had a good attitude : 12

Helped to increase my attitude : 8

Has left no affect : 2

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

YES : 12 NO : 10

8) Do you think that 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 : 22 NO : 0

9) After being selected for the “Do The Right Thing” program, did you see any media advertisements and if so what form of media was the coverage

TV : 9 NEWSPAPER : 17

Thank you

Mayor Robert J. Duffy *For your continued support.*

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

The Rochester Police Department *For your continued support.*

The Executive Board Members *For your dedication to the program.*

Nomination Selection Committee *For volunteering on selecting our winners.*

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

Sergeant Michael Coon, RPD Technicians & staff *For all of our
photographic needs.*

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.*

Harriet VerHurst *For your volunteerism. Your dedication and commitment has
kept this program going.*

*This program provides special experiences for the children honored. We hope 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".*