

***Do The Right Thing” of Rochester, Inc.***  
***2014-2015***  
***Annual Report***



***Rochester Police Department***  
***185 Exchange Boulevard, Rochester, New York, 14614***

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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.



## City of Rochester

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Hochester Police  
Department

Michael L. Ciminelli  
Chief of Police

September 16, 2015

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 2014-2015 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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# **Do The Right Thing of Rochester, Inc.**

## **Program Staff**

**2014-2015**



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***Program Coordinator***



***Sgt. Deidre Hammond***  
***Program Director***

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Supervisor-Rochester Housing Authority*

# ***Sponsorship***

*In our 20th anniversary 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 9 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 16 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 19 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."*

# ***Sponsorship***

## **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."*

# ***Sponsorship***

## **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 stokes, 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 8 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 19 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 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*

September 2014



**Mylah Barr**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

**Adlai E. Stevenson School#29**

**Noah Barr**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Adlai E. Stevenson School#29**

Our own Sergeant Greg Bello nominated Noah and Mylah for excelling under pressure during a stressful situation. On March 13, 2014, Noah and his younger sister, Mylah, observed their grandmother, Shirley Kinney experiencing a major medical problem and that she had stopped breathing. Mylah immediately called 911 to summon assistance and following the directions of the 911 operator, both Mylah and Noah began courageously performing CPR on their grandmother until emergency personnel arrived.

# *Student Profiles*



**Kevin Honan, Jr.**  
**Brandon Honan**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

**Greece Olympia Middle School**  
**Longridge Elementary School**

Kevin and Brandon were nominated by their mother, April Honan. Their father had recently been diagnosed with an illness and was in the midst of a diabetic seizure. Kevin and Brandon worked together as a team to get their father the help he needed. Kevin Jr. checked his father's blood pressure, called 911 and gathered up his father's medications for the paramedics; Brandon told the paramedics what they needed to know. Kevin and Brandon's awareness, maturity and quick actions kept a treatable medical emergency from becoming a fatal incident.

# *Student Profiles*



**Joshua McNair**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Urban Choice Charter School**

Joshua was nominated by a family friend, Cheryl Dyer. Ms. Dyer became legally blind and Joshua, a co-workers son began assisting her in navigating the world as she lost her sight. When she began to lose her sight, Joshua volunteered to get her back and forth to work. Although she no longer works, Joshua still assists Cheryl with her grocery shopping and as a result he has learned to shop and budget. Joshua also reads greeting cards in the store and calls her to remind me that her favorite shows are airing. Joshua has been assisting Cheryl since he was eleven and has never asked for and will not accept monetary compensation.

# *Student Profiles*

October 2014



**Jackson McDonnell**

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

**Webster Thomas High School**

Jackson was nominated by his aunt, Tiffany Gadacz, for his compassion. It is because of his passion for baseball that he volunteers for various baseball camps in the Rochester area and has been umpiring for the Webster Athletic Association since he was 12 years old. This year Jackson umpired a total of 13 games for the WAA spring house league, spring travel league and the summer house league. His earnings totaled \$420.00. When the time came for Jackson to turn in his tokens and receive his pay, he contacted the Umpire Coordinator and League President via email and informed them both that he would like to donate all of his earnings to The Miracle Field. Jackson volunteered for WAA Challenger Baseball and saw first-hand all of the hard work, time and effort that is put into an all-volunteer organization. It was a desire of Jackson's heart to give to the Challenger Baseball Players as well as to give back to a game that meant so much to him growing up.

# *Student Profiles*



**Tyler Lloyd**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**Nathaniel Hawthorne School #25**

Tyler was nominated by his physical education teacher, Mr. Juan Melendez, for his leadership. During PE class, Tyler observed a student struggling to perform a skill. The student was by herself while everyone else was done. Children began to whisper and comment about the child. Tyler took it upon himself to go back on the floor and do the skill again right next to the child who was struggling so she wouldn't be alone. His exact words were "this isn't fair" so he went to help the child. This was a tremendous act of kindness and leadership, showing great empathy especially for someone so young. Eventually all the students followed Tyler's lead.

# *Student Profiles*



**Hailee Weber**

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

**Northwood Elementary School**

Hailee was nominated by her teacher, Jessica Thompson for her bravery and quick thinking. On Sunday, June 22, 2014 Hailee was swimming in her neighbor's pool. While the adults were chatting nearby, her neighbor's 14 month old granddaughter fell into the pool. Noticing the adult's panic and hesitation, Hailee swam over, grabbed the 14 month old and got her to safety. In essence, Hailee's quick reaction saved the baby's life.

# *Student Profiles*



**Kaori-Mei Stephens**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**The Harley School**

Kaori-Mei was nominated by her mother, Tiana Stephens for her maturity and empathy. On August 17, 2014 Kaori-Mei home was at alone and chatting with an old classmate online. He started to tell her he was upset, was on a bridge and was going to jump off. Kaori-Mei without hesitation called 911. All the while she kept talking to her friend, advising him that this was not the way to resolve anything. Officer Andrea Bouffiou responded and Kaori-Mei was able to provide her with her friend's home address. It was later learned that her friend was not on a bridge but was at home, feeling suicidal. As a result of Kaori-Mei's sharing this information with the police, her friend is now getting the help he needed.

# *Student Profiles*



**Denver James Allen**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**Longridge Elementary School**

Denver was nominated by his aunt, Ginny Bauer for his kindness. This past school year, in his classroom, one of the other children never had a snack for snack time. When Denver realized this, he asked his parents if he could bring two snacks so that other child could have one. When Denver learned he was getting this award he told his grandma "when you do something nice for someone, something nice happens to you". Denver continues to bring an extra snack to school to share with whoever is without one.

# *Student Profiles*

November 2014



**Jahyleen Quick**  
**Jahydeen Quick**

**3rd Grade**  
**2nd Grade**

**Theodore Roosevelt School #43**  
**Renaissance Academy Charter School**

The brothers were nominated by Jahyleen's Assistant Principal, and the social worker at Jahydeen's school for their resilience of spirit and heroism. On September 1st, their Mom received a call at work that her house was on fire. When a kitchen fire started, Jahyleen and Jahydeen succeeded in working together to get their Grandma and their younger sister out of the house safely. Both boys participate in Boy Scouts, do well in school and are an inspiration to others. Jahyleen's teacher shares that he thrives when given the opportunity to help others. Jahydeen's teacher shares that he often tries to help keep his class in order and show good behavior and is very engaged and present in class.

# *Student Profiles*



**Treveon Gates**  
**Irvin Williams**

**6th Grade**  
**6th Grade**

**Audubon School #33**  
**Audubon School #33**

Treveon and Irvin were nominated by their teacher, Shawna Hochadel, for their courage in coming forward to prevent a dangerous situation. In September, a student showed Treveon and Irving what appeared to be a handgun in his book bag. Irving immediately went to the Teacher's Aide and told her about the gun, while Treveon did the same with another adult. Everyone was removed from the classroom and a search of the room revealed a realistic looking pellet (air) gun in a book bag. If not for the actions of Irvin and Treveon this air gun could have been used to injure another student.

# *Student Profiles*

December 2014



**Natosha Griffin**  
**King Tramel**

**9th Grade**  
**9th Grade**

**East High School**  
**East High School**

Natosha and King were nominated by their Assistant Principal, Margaret Crowley after they helped quell an escalating, verbal altercation at school. They each restricted the movement of a participant, speaking to them calmly and guiding them away from the conflict. While it is not recommended that students take on the role of peacemaker, for their own safety's sake, Ms. Crowley felt that because they cared enough about their friends to prevent them from engaging in destructive behavior, they should be publicly acknowledged for the mature way they intervened.

# *Student Profiles*



**Inalia Sierra**

**3rd grade**

**Henry Hudson School #28**

Inalia was nominated by Shannon Grieve, a City Recreation Supervisor for her honesty and civic responsibility. Inalia frequents one of the City Recreation Centers that Shannon supervises. On November 10th, Sierra found a \$50 bill on the basketball court. Without hesitation, she turned it into a staff member. Because Inalia did the right thing, the money was returned to its rightful owner.

# *Student Profiles*

January 2015



**Shaughnessy Flaherty**  
**Ryan Springer**

**6th grade**  
**4th grade**

**St. Rita's School**  
**St. Rita's School**

Eleven year old Shaughnessy Flaherty and her nine year old cousin, Ryan Springer, were nominated by Ryan's Mom, Kate, for creating and organizing a backyard talent show this past summer to raise money for CURE Childhood Cancer. The two girls got together completely on their own and talked about an uncle that died of childhood cancer almost 30 years ago. Although they never got to know him, the fact that children are still getting sick from this disease so long after their uncle died from it, made the cause close to their hearts. They wrote and visited local businesses to get prizes donated, personally contacting and making the requests themselves. They were able to raise over \$215 from the backyard talent show. The girls worked hard and never sought praise or boasted about what they did. Their kindness and desire to help others in need are an example to us all.

# *Student Profiles*



**Kashawn Porter**

**8th grade**

**Joseph C. Wilson Foundation Academy**

Kashawn was nominated by Rochester Police Officer, Brandon Carmo, for his mature and calm handling of his grandmother's sudden illness. On December 21st, Officer Carmo responded to a 911 call for service which turned out to be a call for medical services for Kashawn's grandmother. In the midst of a great deal of emotional commotion and an inability for some adult residents in the home to relay information about what was going on with his Grandmother. Kashawn was able to relay pertinent information to Officers and Rural Metro staff about what had happened. This information was very helpful in rendering treatment to the Grandmother. Kashawn showed a great deal of compassion and was very attentive to her while waiting for help to arrive. Officer Carmo felt that Kashawn demonstrated a high level of responsibility and maturity during the event and felt he should be recognized for that.

# *Student Profiles*

February 2015



**Colin Joseph Kosmicki Zappolo**

**2nd grade**

**Allen Creek Elementary**

Colin was nominated by his mother, Maureen, for his generosity and commitment to community. Colin started his own charity collecting coats to be donated to the Rochester community. During the past three winter seasons it has grown by leaps and bounds, He has not only gotten his own family and friends involved, but several area businesses, his school, local hockey teams and is creating awareness of those less fortunate and what he refers to as "the coatless people". Colin does not judge others he only wants to help and provide warm coats to those who need them. It gives him great joy to see others of all ages get excited to help him help others. We should all follow Colin's philanthropic and heartwarming example.

# *Student Profiles*



**Jacqueline Lynn**

**7th grade**

**Helen Barrett Montgomery School # 50**

Jackie was nominated by a Teacher at her school, Janet Bird. On November 21st, a familiar school volunteer was distributing Foodlink bags as part of Community Outreach at the school. While delivering bags to classrooms on the upper floor, the volunteer became short of breath and found herself having to rest at the top of the stairs. While many students passed by, Jackie recognized that our volunteer was in distress and took the time to stop and offer assistance. The volunteer acknowledged she needed help and asked Jackie to get her some water. Jackie assisted her in getting to a drinking fountain and stayed with her to make sure she was okay. After leaving school that day the volunteer sought medical attention and was hospitalized for four days. The volunteer was very grateful for Jackie's help and pronounced repeatedly that she fears what may have happened to her if Jackie had not offered her assistance. School #50 has been going through a difficult transition and Jackie has displayed the characteristics that the school is trying to instill in its students. We are hoping that by honoring Jackie here today, we can inspire her classmates and fellow students to follow in her footsteps.

# *Student Profiles*



**Javine Overton Balkam                      6th grade                      Martin Luther King, Jr. School #9**

Javine was nominated by Rochester Police Officer Eric Rathfelder for his courage and ability to persevere through a difficult situation. A few weeks ago, there was a fatal school bus accident in the City. The accident appears to have been caused because the driver expired at the wheel causing the bus to veer out of control and strike a tree. One of the passengers on the bus was Javine, who despite having injured his foot, was able to get to the bus's radio and call for help. It was later discovered that Javine had broken his foot in the accident and had acted above and beyond what is expected of an 11 year old student.

# *Student Profiles*



**Nikolas Trouskie-St.Louis**

**Kindergarten**

**Abelard Reynolds School #42**

Nikolas was nominated by 911 dispatcher, Mary DiMaria, for his quick action and calm demeanor for his age. On January 16th at 6:58 am, Nikolas could not wake his Mom up so he called 911. During the call, Nikolas answered all the important and appropriate questions in a calm manner for a 6 year old in a scary situation that involved his mother. Thankfully, the fire department arrived shortly after and found Mom unresponsive, but alive.

# Student Profiles

May 2015



**Hilleryi Binet**

**12th grade**

**Vanguard Collegiate High School**

**Aidee Zorrilla**

**12th grade**

**Vanguard Collegiate High School**

**Amari Boone**

**11th grade**

**Vanguard Collegiate High School**

**Aleah McCall**

**10th grade**

**Vanguard Collegiate High School**

A group of Vanguard Collegiate High School student-artists including Aidee Zorrilla, Hilleyri Binet, Aleah McCall and Amari Boone wrote a grant through the Monroe County Youth Bureau's Youth as Resources program and, in December 2014, received \$1000 to fund their project, "HeART to HeART". Through the HeART to Heart project, the girls, along with many other Vanguard artists, stayed after school several days a week to create a variety of high-quality, handmade, love-themed art work to sell in time for Valentine's Day. Then they hosted several fundraisers at area businesses such as Spot Coffee and Tim Hortons to sell their work and raise money for the American Heart Association. The students raised a total of \$622 for the American Heart Association.

# *Student Profiles*



**James Weathers III      11th Grade      Leadership Academy for Young Men**

James was nominated by his school counselor, Callie Andler, for his courage and willingness to help a friend. One evening this past year, James learned of a friend who was thinking of hurting them self. James took their words seriously and contacted school administrators who could help his friend. Everyone worked together to get the student the help they needed. James' friend was struggling and it's not hard to imagine the tragedy that may have occurred if James had been afraid to come forward and tell people who could help. James' teachers and Administrators praise James as an honorable young man, who is a consistently hard worker with a helping personality; a model citizen and a good friend.

# *Student Profiles*

## June 2015



**Brooke Simmons**

**5th grade**

**Lakeshore Elementary School**

Brooke was nominated by her teacher, Ms. Pioli, for her honesty and civic responsibility. Brooke found an envelope in her school hallway filled with \$20.00 bills. She immediately turned it in to School Administration. Brooke exemplifies what it means to live with integrity and is on her way to being a young adult we can be proud of. When not at school, Brooke plays piano and flute, has been ballet dancing since she was three and has won two terrific kid awards from school.

# *Student Profiles*



**Di-Juan Anderson**

**7th grade**

**Greece Olympia Middle School**

On April 25, 2015 at approximately 2:20 am, 911 Operator Marsha Ramos received a call from Dayjan who said that his mother was in labor. During the call, Dayjan followed directions and remained calm as he helped his Mother deliver his baby brother. Adults have been known to panic to the point of not hearing what the operator is asking them to do, but 11 year old Dayjan was a tremendous help to all and did a great job welcoming his brother into the world.

# *Student Profiles*



**Jehmel Alexander**

**11th Grade**

**East High School**

Jehmel was nominated by his School Counselor, Ms. Burnell, for his courage and maturity in helping to quell a disturbance at school. While it is not recommended that students get involved in resolving physical altercations at school, Jehmel's maturity and calm demeanor in this instance is an example of the right way to get involved for all of his peers. Jehmel reads a lot and especially enjoyed the Harry Potter series. After graduating, Jehmel is thinking of applying to medical school.

# *Student Profiles*



**Selin Kahyaoglu**

**10th Grade**

**Spencerport High School**

Selin was nominated by her mother for her compassion and ability to remain calm in a crisis. Selin was getting her younger brother off the school bus on a cold and snowy/sleeting day this past March. While Selin was outside, she heard a loud banging noise near her next door neighbor's house. She went over to see what was wrong and found her 86 year old neighbor lying in the snow banging a broom on her garbage can. The elderly neighbor lives alone and had fallen on the icy steps and could not get up. Selin helped her up out of the snow and made sure that she got safely back into her house. . Selin retrieved the neighbor's mail from the mailbox at the end of the driveway, brought it to her and contacted an adult to follow up with her neighbor. Had Selin not taken the time to check on her neighbor, this story could have had a tragic ending. The neighbor is now being cared for in a nursing facility. Selin was a member of the travel Soccer team and a Girl Scout but took steps back from that to focus on her AP classes.

# *The 2014-2015 “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*



2011 Do The Right Thing winner, **Emily Buchbinder**, will attend the University of Vermont. Do The Right Thing 2012 winner, **Justin Ruffell**, will attend Rochester Institute of Technology



2014 Do The Right Thing Winner, **Jackson McDonnell**, will attend University of Massachusetts at Amherst. 2012 Do The Right Thing Winner, **Jacob Cardinal**, will attend Niagara University

# *Hispanic Heritage Month*

## *October 2014*

Do The Right Thing hosted "Let's Play" in which students from School #20 spent the morning touring the Public Safety Building and playing board games with Officers



# *Black Heritage Month*

*February 2015*

Do The Right Thing hosted "Game-on" in which students from School #22 spent the morning touring the Public Safety Building and playing board games with Officers and the Chief



# *Family Celebration*

## *Seabreeze Amusement Park*

At the end of the school year, Seabreeze Amusement Park hosts our family celebration welcoming 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.

Over **60 Rides & Attractions** | **4 Amazing Roller Coasters** | **Water Park & Wave Pool**

# Come Get Your Summer!

## Do the Right Thing Family Celebration

**Friday June 26, 2015**

**WHAT**  
Rides: 11:00 am - 10:00 pm  
Waterpark: 11:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Food: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Beverages: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**MENU**  
Zweigle's Hot Dogs, Hamburgers,  
Potato & Pasta Salads, Potato Chips,  
Ice Cream, Soda and Coffee

**TICKETS**  
Do the Right Thing Winner  
gets in for FREE with  
three family members!

Additional tickets are \$12.99 and can only  
be purchased through the  
Do the Right Thing Office.  
**CHILDREN 2 & UNDER FREE!!**  
Call Office at 585-428-7863

**All tickets must be  
purchased by June 19th!**

**Seabreeze**  
AMUSEMENT PARK®  
Rochester, NY

# *Buffalo Bills Training Camp*

**August 5, 2015**

For the past seven 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*

**August 17-21, 2015**

For the past fourteen 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!!







## **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*

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*For volunteering to select our winners*

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*For supplying all of our photographic needs*

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*For your patience during the ceremony*

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*For always making sure everything is set up*

**Lily Sepulveda-Soto, Carmen  
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*For your helping hands!*



## **Do The Right Thing Ceremony Dates for Program Year 2015 - 2016**

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 8, 2015

Thursday December 17, 2015

Thursday February 11, 2016

Thursday April 21, 2016

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