

Do The Right Thing of Rochester, Inc.

2016-2017

Annual Report



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Who we are and What we do

General History:

- Chartered by the Rochester Police Department in 1995 and implemented in 1996, based on what is now an International program originated by the Miami Police Department in 1990 (Dotherightthinginc.org)
- 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 Executive Board of Directors

Program Goals:

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

What We Do:

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



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Chief of Police

August 26, 2017

Dear "Do The Right Thing" Families and Sponsors,

On behalf of Do The Right Thing of Rochester, Inc., and the Rochester Police Department, I would like to congratulate you on the accomplishments of the 2016-2017 program year, which celebrates the best attributes of our community. Our winners' stories of courage, heroism, honesty, volunteerism, kindness, and leadership give us renewed hope in our youth and the future of our community. Your involvement demonstrates your caring and your investment in making Rochester a better place to live.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Michael L. Ciminelli
Chief of Police



**Do The Right Thing of Rochester, Inc.
Program Staff
2016-2017**



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***Sgt. Lazlo Tordai
Program Director***



***Sgt. Jose Vargas
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Program Coordinator*

Words from our Sponsors

In our 21st 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 21 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 11 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 18 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 21 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 21 years

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

Words from our sponsors

Dynamic Recording Studios

Sponsors for 21 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 21 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 8 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."

Memorial Art Gallery

Sponsors for 21 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'."

Words from our sponsors

Rochester City School District

Sponsors for 21 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 10 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 21 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.”

TOPS Friendly Markets

Sponsors for 21 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

Words from our sponsors

WHEC-TV News 10NBC

Sponsors for 21 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 8 years

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

Student Profiles

October 2016



Braydon Merrill 6th grade Oliver Middle School (Brockport)

Braydon was nominated by 911 Operator, Phillip Tomasso because of an incident that occurred in June 2016. Braydon heard his father being physically attacked at home and was unsure if the attack was occurring inside or outside of the house. His Mom told his lock himself in the bathroom and call 911 while she went to help his father. Despite being terrified for his parents' and his own safety, Braydon called 911 and was able to provide his address and other helpful information to Operator Tomasso. He remained engaged until the Police arrived and it was safe for him to come out of the bathroom. Braydon is described as being respectful and caring and consistently improving with his grades and self-confidence.

Student Profiles

October 2016



Elliot Epstein

2nd grade

St. Rita's School

Elliot was nominated by his grandmother, Elaine Kiniorski, for his alertness and quick thinking. In July 2016, Elliot was enjoying the pool in his backyard with his 5 year old cousin who is a non-swimmer. Elliot witnessed his cousin jump off the diving board without putting on his swimming aids. Elliot quickly realized that his cousin was in danger and before any of the adults acted, Elliot had dove into the pool, pulled his cousin to the surface and swam with him to the edge where his uncle removed his cousin from the pool. His grandmother is convinced that his observation, assessment and quick response prevented a tragedy that day. Elliot is described as a good student and a kind and cooperative classmate.

Student Profiles

October 2016



Bruce Frazier

9th grade

East Big Picture

Bruce was nominated by Captain John Koonmen of the Rochester Police Department for his honesty and civic responsibility. Bruce spotted a wallet in his school parking lot from his classroom window. He pointed this out to his Principal, who gave him permission to go outside and retrieve it. The wallet contained cash, checks and various personal items in a heavily travelled area near Blessed Sacrament Church in the city. He brought the wallet to his school principal, Mr. Deon Rodgers and together, using the information it contained, searched for the owner at the Church. They learned that the wallet belonged to one of the volunteers at the Church's "Next to New" sale. The wallet and all of its contents were delivered to the owner intact. Bruce is described as a role model for his peers and the rare young man who does not believe in "finders=keepers".

Student Profiles

October 2016



Ann Heyen

12th grade

Bishop Kearney High School

Ann Heyen was nominated by her Principal, Keith Miller, for her service to her community. This summer Ann spent every week volunteering her services at the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf. She also does volunteers at St. Ann's helping elderly people in need of assistance. Ann is a member of the National Honors Society, is a Captain on two sports teams and maintains an academic average of 98.4%. Ann proves that regardless of how busy you are, there is always time to serve others in need in your community. This year Ann plans to begin a social justice project in her community.

Student Profiles

December 2016



Jahleeya Roberts

7th grade

World of Inquiry School #58

Jahleeya Roberts is a 7th grader at School #58 and was nominated by City Recreation Supervisor, Jeff Reese. In October 2016, while at the School #17 Recreation Center, Jahleeya noticed a student who was at the community center who she knew had recently ran away from home. Jahleeya quietly went to the Senior Recreation Assistant and told her that the student had been reported missing. The runaway was in full blown crisis and in a very precarious situation It takes leadership and courage to do the right thing especially when you know the person you are helping may become angry with you. The student's family was very grateful that they found their loved one safe and the family was able to get the services they needed. Jahleeya is a student athlete who consistently works hard and is respectful and caring toward her teachers and students.

Student Profiles

December 2016



Ryan Woodhams

11th grade

The Harley School

Ryan was nominated by a family friend, Erick Stephens, for his generosity and commitment to community. Ryan has a special passion and love for baseball and wanted to make sure that any kid who wanted to play baseball could do so, and that lack of equipment would not be a barrier. This past summer, Ryan organized a baseball drive to collect gently used baseball equipment. When Ryan's drive was done, he was able to donate 150 pairs of cleats, nearly 2000 bats, catching gear, In a time where so many people are worried only about themselves, it's encouraging to see someone as young as Ryan who wants to help others. Ryan has had to overcome physical challenges in order to participate fully in school life, and he has done while displaying an exceptional service orientation.

Student Profiles

December 2016



Zoe-Dai Ferraro

11th grade

Bishop Kearney High School

Zoe-Dai was nominated by her Principal, Keith Miller, for her volunteerism and role model behavior. Zoe-Dai has volunteered at the Holiday food pantry at Our Lady of the Americas Church, set up fund raising for the March of Dimes, Soy Unica, Soy Latina rally at MCC, volunteered for Clean Sweep Rochester, and Greentopia Rochester where she showed kids how to tend to gardens, make bouquets, and improve their physical environment. Zoe-Dai's selfless service to others is an inspiration to her peers and the entire community. Zoe-Dai holds a 91% grade point average and is a member of her school's indoor and outdoor track teams, as well as the cross-country team.

Student Profiles

December 2016



Jean Agosto-Mercado

4th grade

Martin Luther King, Jr. School #9

Jean was nominated by, City Recreation Staff member, Shakeya Cook, for his civic responsibility and quick thinking. In May of 2016, a young mother left her 1 yr. old toddler unattended at the Center's waterpark. Jean saw the toddler run toward the street and ran to stop the toddler before he reached the curb. By the time Jean scooped the child into his arms, cars were honking their horns because the child had made it into the street. Even though the child kicked and screamed and Jean had actual scratches on his chest from the child fighting him, Jean returned to the waterpark with the child and a huge smile on his face. He was so glad to help! Jean was awarded with a freeze pop for his bravery and today we thank him for doing the right thing! Jean and his family immigrated to the US one and a half years ago and have overcome many obstacles with dignity and optimism. Jean is described by all as working hard in his academics, kind and respectful to everyone and is well liked by his peers.

Student Profiles

December 2016



Liberty Dodds

8th grade

Sienna Catholic Academy

Liberty was nominated by a staff member at St. Rita's School, Debbie Kazimer, for her maturity, volunteerism and quick action in a crisis. Liberty's mom coordinates the Annual Craft sale at St. Rita's School. Liberty had been there with her Mom since about 7 a.m. helping the vendors set-up and answering their questions. At about 2:30 p.m., Liberty and her Mom were walking around the sale making sure everything was going smoothly when her Mom was stung by a bee. Liberty knew her Mom is highly allergic to bee stings and quickly got her to the kitchen area. Liberty was the voice of reason to her Mom, concerned volunteers and to her siblings. Understanding that her Mom was having a serious reaction to the sting, she administered an Epi-pen. Liberty called her Dad and remained calm and reassuring as she spoke to him and remained on the phone with him until he arrived. After her Dad took her Mom to the hospital, Liberty stayed behind acting on her Mom's behalf as the sale's coordinator and quelling the fears of her younger siblings who also remained with her. The maturity that it took to remain calm in the face of crisis as well as calm the fears of others is something that is sometimes difficult for adults to do. Liberty's teachers say they are proud of her blossoming leadership and her role model behavior.

Student Profiles

February 2017



Veronica Lembke

2nd grade

School #23

Veronica Lembke is a 2nd grader at Francis Parker School #23 and was nominated by her teachers, Ashley Millet and Lisa Clayton. In October 2016, the teachers witnessed Veronica placing herself between two classmates who were arguing. Veronica told them to take deep breaths to calm down, to walk away for a minute and when they were calm she promised to help them work the problem out. Veronica strives to put her best foot forward every day, from offering a kind word to classmates who are troubled to donating her entire piggy bank to the Verona Animal Shelter (\$40) to make sure the kittens and puppies there were taken care of. When not in school, Veronica plays piano and is determined to be a rock star.

Student Profiles

February 2017



Chardenay Robinson

8th grade

School #45

Chardenay Robinson is an 8th grader at Mary McCleod Bethune School #45 and was nominated by School Social Worker, Roberta McGill. In December 2016, Chardenay came to Ms. McGill to express concern about a classmate. She was emphatic and was concerned about the student's emotional and social health. Without disclosing details, she summarized her concerns and went to the appropriate source to request assistance on behalf of the student. She did not want the student to experience harm or suffer emotionally. Little did she know that the student had already been active with the social worker and was being helped. So many times, when someone harms themselves or others, those close to them say they wish they could have helped. The fact that Chardenay chose to be proactive and an advocate to help her classmate deserves praise and recognition. One of Chardenay's favorite things is Dancing and music.

Student Profile

February 2017



Martin Stewart

11th grade

Edison P Tech

Martin Stewart is an 11th grader at Edison (P Tech) and was nominated by lead Safety Officer, Joseph Jackson. In January, Martin intervened in an altercation with at least 5 girls fighting. Martin controlled 2 girls and prevented them from fighting. While we don't encourage students to intervene in these events, it is refreshing to observe a student showing leadership and taking a stance against violence while so many others stay to watch but not to help. Martin is very serious about his appearance and wears a tie to school every day. He is well on his way to being a politician.

Student Profiles

February 2017



Brielle Harris

4th grade

School #39

Brielle Harris is a 4th grader at Andrew J. Townson School #39 and was nominated by School Social Worker, Jody Rumfola. In December 2016, Brielle was at home alone with her Grandmother. She found Grandma on the floor of her room. She called her Mom who asked Brielle to check to see if Grandma was responsive. When it was found that she was not, Brielle called 911. She stayed calm and gave the first responders the information needed to help her Grandmother and stayed on the phone until they arrived. When not at school, Brielle takes lessons in Ballet, Tap, Jazz and Hip-Hop.

Student Profiles

February 2017



Joshua Montanez

7th grade

School #17

Joshua Montanez is a 7th grader at Enrico Fermi School #17 and was nominated by his Math Teacher, Carolyn Kinne. In December 2016, a friend of Joshua's was getting frustrated with the classroom lesson and refused to do it. Instead of ignoring his friend, Joshua worked with him and together they completed the lesson. According to Teachers who taught him last year, Joshua has transformed into an amazing student. He is receiving A's in math and is a caring friend and an outstanding student who is admired by his peers. Mrs. Kinne is proud of his "turnaround" path and encourages Joshua to keep pushing himself to be the best that he can be. Joshua has joined the Science club and participates in the school's recycling project and encourages other students to do so. Joshua's favorite activity outside of school is basketball.

Student Profiles

March 2017



Egypt Small-Pinckney

11th grade

School of the Arts

Egypt was nominated by her work supervisor at City Hall for her bravery and civic action. In November 2016, Egypt was on her way to work when she noticed a man approaching an unassuming elderly woman on the street. As Egypt approached, the man punched the elderly woman and ran off with her purse. Egypt immediately called 911 and stayed with the victim, who was bleeding from her injuries, until Police and ambulance arrived. At school, Egypt is described as being a role model for her peers who excels in music and is an important member of SOTA's advanced wind ensemble and Jazz band.

Student Profiles

March 2017



Nashalie Guzman-Caldero

9th grade

East Upper School

Nashalie was nominated by her math teacher, Melissa Morales, as a way to support her growth both, academically and behaviorally. Ms.Morlaes has known Nashalie since the 7th grade. As a freshman, Nashalie has demonstrated a desire to avoid conflict and concentrate on positive goals for herself, while refusing to allow negativity to affect her pursuit of those goals. Nashalie is enrolled in the Teaching and Learning Institute, involved with the Visionary Lighthouse team, is taking culinary classes and is on the Girls JV basketball team. She has achieved a 4.10 GPA and has challenged herself to maintain it.

Student Profiles

March 2017



Dylonne McClary

4th grade

Nathaniel Hawthorne School #25

Rayshawn Hamilton

4th grade

Nathaniel Hawthorne School #25

Dylonne and Rayshawn are 4th grade classmates at School #25. They were nominated by their Teacher, Erin Sperry, for their honesty and fulfilling a civic responsibility. The boys found what appeared to be a very expensive ring in the boy's bathroom and returned it to its rightful owner. Dylonne is a Safety Patrol member and participated in the school's stage production of Peter Pan. Rayshawn is involved in community outreach and activities as a member of the Buds of Promise at Memorial AME Zion church.

Student Profiles

April 2017



Gerald Cook

11th grade

Wilson Magnet High School

Gerald was nominated by his teacher, Jennifer Sykes, who submitted the following: I have had Gerald in class since he was a freshman. This year, Gerald came to my classroom inquiring about a student that he noticed appeared to be wearing shoes that were too tight. He took it upon himself to ask the boy his shoe size and brought a pair of shoes to school for him. This young man makes me so proud; his thoughtfulness for others is what I hope all our children aspire to. He was not looking for praise, but encouragement to continue to help others can only be a positive! Gerald is described as being, respectful, comical and mature. Gerald is on the wrestling squad at school and is great role model for his peers.

Student Profiles

April 2017



Owen Murphy

7th grade

Johanna Perrin Middle School

Owen was nominated by his Mom, Kimberly Murphy, with the full support of his school's administration. On MLK day, Owen was off from school and travelled with his Mom and two younger siblings to visit an elderly aunt who is handicapped and thinking of selling her 2-story house. The plan was to help her go through some boxes in the attic. They were able to help and were finishing up when Owen smelled smoke in the house and discovered it was coming from a front room of the house. Owen was able to guide another elderly aunt, and his two siblings outside while calling 911 for help so that his Mom could concentrate solely on getting the aunt with a walker outside. His Mom was grateful for Owen's calm demeanor during this crisis and credits him with helping to save her Aunt's life. Owen is described as quiet, respectful and caring. Owen loves all things baseball and hanging out with his friends.

Student Profiles

April 2017



Tajir Gaines

6th grade

Cosgrove Middle School

Tajir was nominated by his grandfather, Edward Harper III for his compassion and courageously making an “unpopular” choice because it was the right thing to do. Tajir is a 6th grader at Cosgrove and is new to the school this year. A classmate exposed him to a group text where their peers were posting suicidal thoughts and plans to hurt themselves for various reasons. Tajir realized one of the students posting was a good friend of his. He exposed the group to authorities which enabled the students to receive the help they needed. Tajir also reached out to his friend who had posted; they confided in Tajir and he supported them while they received the help they needed. Tajir is described as a student that others look up to at school who has displayed a great deal of growth and potential. Tajir plays AAU Basketball and likes drawing, graphic design and Church.

Student Profiles

April 2017



Ajaia Tucker

5th grade

Mary McCleod Bethune School #45

Ajaia was nominated by School Social Worker, Roberta McGill, for her leadership potential and compassion. Bullying is a huge problem in schools. Ajaia let an adult know that a student who was new to the school was being bullied. Ajaia stood up for the safety and protection of a fellow student and encouraged the student, who was new to her school and was being bullied, to report the abusive behavior. When not at school, Ajaia loves to dance.

Student Profiles

May 2017



Connor Stewart

3rd grade

Jefferson Avenue Elementary

Connor was nominated by his friend Colin's Mom, Maureen Kosmicki, for his volunteerism and caring. Connor watched his Dad rally a cross country team he coaches bring gently used coats to their season ending banquet and wanted to help collect coats for his friend Colin's cause (Warm Hearts, Warm Bodies by Colin). So, in January, he asked his friends who he invited to his birthday party to donate coats instead of gifts for him. So many coats arrived that an additional box had to be added for donations.

Student Profiles

May 2017



Tegan Young

11th grade

Bishop Kearney High School

Tegan Young was nominated by her Mom, Michelle for her volunteerism and compassion. Tegan volunteers at Daystar for medically fragile children. Even though the children have medical issues, the various tubes, braces, wheelchairs and (sometimes) body fluids have never deterred Tegan from interacting with the children. She ignores differences and provides each child she interacts with a sense of belonging and purpose. Tegan has studied dance for 15 years. She has given mini-dance shows for the children and has volunteered her dance talents at several fund raising events. She is a Girl Scout, and an Assistant softball coach for young children at Eastside Little League. At school, Tegan is a member of the National Honor Society and plays JV softball.

Student Profiles

May 2017



Isaiah Mahoney

6th grade

James Audubon School #33

Isaiah was nominated by a city school district employee, Kathy Bigdowski, for his volunteerism and work ethic. Kathy works in his school's kitchen and came to her one day to ask if he could help her in the morning before school begins. Isaiah has been her faithful helper for at least a year. He comes in to school early everyday to pack up breakfast bins and helps her deliver them. He sets a fine example for his brothers, sisters and classmates. Isaiah works hard and is very dependable.

Student Profiles

June 2017



Jamie Kosten

6th grade

McQuaid Jesuit High School

Jamie was nominated by 911 Telecommunicators, Kathleen Burns and Kelly Lu, who is a June 2014 Do The Right Thing winner. Jamie called 911 in May because his Dad became unconscious after being stung by a bee. Jamie was alone and quite upset when he reached 911 but calmed right down and listened carefully to instructions during this high stress situation. Jamie was able to successfully administer an Epi-Pen to his Dad which brought him back to a conscious state.

Student Profiles

June 2017



Cameron Knowles

11th grade

Odyssey Academy (Greece)

Cameron was nominated by Sonja McCarthy, a dispatcher for the Greece Central School District, for his compassion and leadership qualities. In February, a 10 year old was riding a high school bus for early activity. On the way to school, the boy had a seizure on the bus and fell to the floor. The students on the bus were frozen and didn't know what to do. Cameron was in the back of the bus and when he noticed the child on the floor, he immediately came to the aid of the child. He protected his head, and when he stopped seizing, got him into a comfortable position, calmed him and stayed with him until the ambulance personnel arrived.

Student Profiles

June 2017



Deontae Edwards

10th grade

Edison High School of Technology

Deontae was nominated by his English Teacher, Barbara Bukowski, for his heroism and compassion. On May 4th, a student with a known medical condition, started to feel ill as soon as they left the classroom. They fainted in the hallway. Deontae, who was on his way to class and was not friends with the student, saw them fall to the floor. Deontae, scooped the student off the ground and carried them to the nurse's office. He stayed until he knew the student was okay and then headed straight back to class.

2016-2017 Program Statistics

*This year's program received **45** nominations; publicly honored **30** winners of the award and recognized the deeds of approximately 30 students*

School Participation

*Students were nominated from **21** different schools in **6** different school districts:*

***16** Urban*

***6** Suburban*

***5** Parochial or Private*

School Districts with the most nominations

***16** Rochester City School District*

***2** Fairport School District*

***2** Brockport Central School District*

Grades with the most winners

***11th, 4th, and 6th** grade*

Grades with the most nominations

***8th** grade*

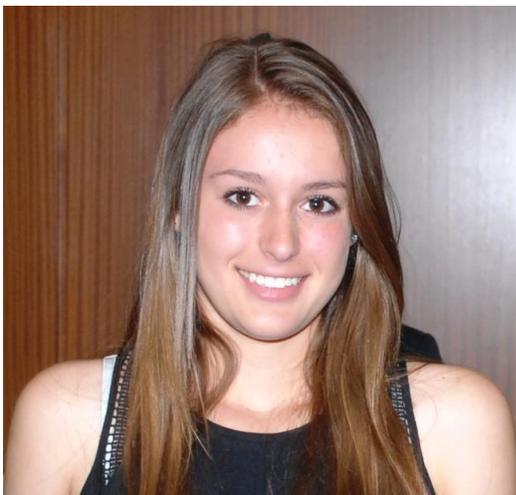
The 2016-2017 “Do The Right Thing” Scholarship Winners

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



Ann Heyen won the DTRT award in October 2016 for her volunteerism and dedication to community. Ann will attend Marywood University to study Nutrition and Dietetics.

Steven Holko won the DTRT award in November of 2015 for his Volunteerism and dedication to community. Steven will attend the University Of Texas at Ausitn to study Business Administration.



Selin Kahyaoglu won the DTRT award in 2015 after rescuing her elderly neighbor who had fallen outside on a particularly cold day. Selin will attend Monroe Community College to study Business Administration

Thank you notes from scholarship winners: Ann Heyen

Dear Sydnie Evans,

I am sending you this message to thank you for all the wonderful things you do. I was so grateful to be nominated for the "Do The Right Thing Award" back in October but had no idea the ceremony would be so big! I still remember all the policemen there and all the gifts I was given along with the award. I couldn't believe I was flooded with school supplies, food, toys, and games. Truly, I didn't deserve all that, yet you helped make that possible!

I have eaten all the food by now and was able to give some of the toys to St. Rita's, whose 2nd grade class was there that day (if I recall correctly). I will be taking some of the supplies I was given with me to college, and wear the sweatshirt more than any other sweatshirt I own.

And if the whole ceremony and award weren't enough, I am super grateful to be honored with the scholarship as well! I'm sorry I wasn't able to join the celebration at Seabreeze but I am still very grateful that I continue to be honored.

What you do is truly incredible and this program is bringing so many joys to so many good people among us. Thank you for all that you do, and thank you for all you've blessed me with!

Sincerely,

Annie Heyen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annie Heyen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

**Thank you notes from scholarship winners:
Steven Holko**



To the Do the Right Thing Committee:
Thank you for selecting me to
recieve a college scholarship.
As you know, college is expensive
and I truly appreciate the
award to help cover my
tuition. Thank you for believing
in my future!

Sincerely,

Steven Holko

Do The Right Thing Sponsor supported activities

Family Celebration June 30, 2017 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 who enjoyed pictures, lunch, toy raffles and a day of ride and slide fun in the sun. The Pirate Toy Fund lent their full support by supplying toys for the raffle. We are pleased to be able to give our winners' families a day to celebrate together.



Do The Right Thing Sponsor supported activities

Buffalo Bills Training Camp August 2, 2017

For ten years, the Buffalo Bills have graciously invited our award recipients to visit the team at their training camp where they are received as VIP's, watch the Bills practice and receive autographs from the players. Thank you Buffalo Bills and a special thanks to Megan Hess and her team for making us feel special!!



Do The Right Thing Sponsor supported activities

Camp Good Days-Leadership Camp- August 21-24, 2017

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



Do The Right Thing Financial Reports

Do The Right Thing of Rochester Inc.				
Balance Sheet as of 7/31/2017				
	July 31, 17	July 31, 16	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Total Checking/Savings - Discretionary	8,645.98	10,587.34 *	-1,941.36	-18.34%
TOTAL ASSETS	8,645.98	10,587.34	-1,941.36	-18.34%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
Opening Bal Equity	581.74	581.74	0.00	0.0%
Unrestricted Net Assets	10,005.60	18,454.10	-8,448.50	-45.78%
Net Income (Loss)	-1,941.36	-8,448.50	6,507.14	77.02%
Total Equity	8,645.98	10,587.34	-1,941.36	-18.34%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	8,645.98	10,587.34	-1,941.36	-18.34%

Do The Right Thing of Rochester Inc.
Revenue & Expense Year Ending 7/31/2017
Aug '16 - Jul 17

Income	
Foundation and Trust Grants	
Restricted	1,500.00
Unrestricted	200.00
Corporate Contributions	2,500.00
Total Income	4,200.00
Expense	
Scholarships*	0.00
Ceremonies	3,817.96
Program Expense	127.00
Miscellaneous Expense	924.42
Seabreeze	1,271.98
Total Expense	6,141.36
Net Income (Loss)	-1,941.36

DMJ = Daisy Marquis Jones

RMHC = Ronald McDonald House Charities

*Scholarships for 2016-17 to be paid in 2017-18.



***Do The Right Thing
Ceremony Dates for
Program Year 2017 - 2018***

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

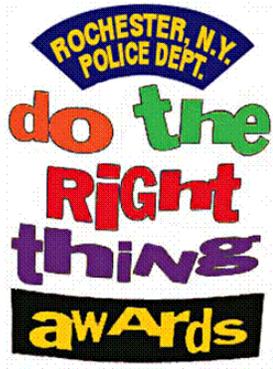
Thursday October 26, 2017

Thursday December 21, 2017

Thursday February 15, 2018

Thursday April 26, 2018

Thursday June 7, 2018



Thank you

Mayor Lovely Warren

For your continued support

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

For your continued support

City School District Faculty and Staff

For your continued support

The Executive Board Members

For your dedication to the program

Nomination Selection Committee

For volunteering to select our winners

All of our Program Sponsors

For your generosity and dedication

**Sgt. Michael Coon &
RPD Technicians**

For supplying all of our photographic needs

Headquarters' Personnel

For your helpfulness during the ceremony

The Maintenance Crew

For always making sure everything is set up

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

*For your helping hands
and putting it all away!*

Report submitted by Sydnie Evans September 2017

