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HISTORY OF PROGRAM

- ** **"DO THE RIGHT THING"** program was born in 1990 in the MIAMI Police Department.
- ** **"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.
- ** **"DO THE RIGHT THING"** Award program was established, with students selected monthly for recognition by the police department for their outstanding accomplishments.
- ** On October 7, 1995 the Rochester Police Department received permission to start the Rochester Chapter of **"DO THE RIGHT THING"**.
- ** 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"** 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"** and programs like it are only the first step.....The future for today's children is what we make of it.

DO THE RIGHT THING STAFF

Sergeant Darlene Rogers – Program Director (not shown) Officer Deidre Taccone – Mistress of Ceremonies Darlien Parker – Program Coordinator Harriett VerHurst – Volunteer



Officer Deidre Taconne



Darlien Parker



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WORDS FROM OUR SPONSORS

Democrat and Chronicle

The Democrat and Chronicle is pleased to support the "Do The Right Thing" Program of the Rochester Police Department. This outstanding recognition awards ceremony encourages and salutes young people as it helps forge a positive bond between them and the city's police officers. These goals are consistent with our newspaper's long-standing advocacy for the welfare of children in our community.

Tom Flynn – Vice President / Communications / Democrat and Chronicle

Burger King Restaurants

Today's youth face more challenges than ever before. It is important to recognize their achievements every chance we get. "Do The Right Thing" is a marvelous vehicle to showcase these accomplishments. Burger King Restaurants are committed to the program because we believe perhaps the most important task we have, as adults and business leaders, is to support the efforts of our young people.

Dennis & Laurence Kessler – Burger King Restaurants

Eastman Kodak Company

Respect for the dignity of the individual is one of Kodak's Six Values. At the same time, it also extends to all the participants in the Rochester Police Department's "Do The Right Thing" Program. The young men and women who this program recognizes are living examples of respect in our community. By their actions and their own personal codes of conduct, they have demonstrated the essential role that respect plays in creating a community where we are all proud to live, work, learn, and grow. Eastman Kodak Company is proud to acknowledge the fine works and contributions of these citizens of tomorrow.

Essie L.Calhoun/Vice President /Chief Diversity Officer & Director, Community Affairs Eastman Kodak Company

WORDS FROM OUR SPONSORS (cont.)

NEWS 10NBC

NEWS 10NBC is proud to be a partner of the "Do The Right Thing" Awards Program with the Rochester Police Department and the affiliated sponsors. We feel it is important to recognize those individuals in our community who make positive choices and unselfishly help people in need. "Do the Right Thing" continually reinforces good behavior in our young people and their peers, we are happy to showcase all of the recipients on News 10NBC and on our website; news10nbc.com, throughout the year.

Laurie Otto – Coordinator / Promotion & Public Affairs News 10NBC

Excellus

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.

Philip Puchalski – Vice President, Communications

Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation

"We believe in the recognition of the promise in Rochester's youth".

Roger L. Gardner – President

Rural / Metro Medical Services

Rural/Metro is proud to support an initiative that provides recognition and positive reinforcement for the "right" behaviors and deeds. It is refreshing to witness a highly visible method of recognizing positive actions taken by the youth of our community.

Tim Czapranski – Rural/Metro Medical Services

WORDS FROM OUR SPONSORS (cont.)

Tops Friendly Markets

Tops is extremely proud of our long-standing partnership with the "do The Right Thing" Program. We applaud the efforts of the Rochester Police Department, the Mayor, other sponsors and the local media that help recognize the children in our community. We encourage the children to continue working hard each day, we thank them for being exemplary role models and we look forward to building a stronger community together."

Max Henderson, Executive Vice President/General Manager Tops Friendly Markets

Columbus ERA A Hunt Real Estate Company

We are pleased to sponsor "Do The Right Thing". This program supports our concerns for Rochester's at risk population and our wish to recognize and motivate children who have "done the right thing."

Lois Camphausen - Columbus ERA, A Hunt Real Estate Company

Dynamic Recording Studios

We are part of the "Do The Right Thing" Program because all of us at Dynamic believe in the youth of today, and want to do all we can to help them achieve their goals.

Dave and Jackie Kaspersin

PACTECH

"Pactech supports the belief that a youth's behavior reinforced by positive recognition will enhance their ability to lead a successful life.

The Pactech Staff R. David Diederich – President

WORDS FROM OUR SPONSORS (cont.)

The Friedlander Family Foundation

The "Do The Right Thing Program" is a most important contribution to our young people. For them to understand the need and for them to become responsible citizens to make our community better.

Roger Friedlander – President

Memorial Art Gallery

The Memorial Art Gallery is proud to be involved with the Rochester Police Department's "Do The Right Thing" Program. The character and spirit of these young people assure a bright and vital future for this city.

Grant Holcomb – Director, Memorial Art Gallery

STUDENT PROFILES



A photograph of the September/October 2006 winners, from left to right, first row: Mayor Robert J. Duffy, Mahogany Harris, Brent Ricci, Jayanna Arnold, Chief David T. Moore, Second Row: Nicole McEvily, Tom Dreitlein, Rachel Dye, last row: Preston Clements, Mykel Wilder, and Kevin Foss.

Navaar Poole

6th Grade

Nazareth Hall

Dwayne McKinney, Navaar's Tae Kwon Do instructor, nominated Navaar for his hard work, generosity, leadership and acts of compassion. Navaar constantly looks out for others and is an exceptional role model for his peers. Navaar recently visited a local daycare center and read to the preschoolers. He also helped them with their daily tasks. Additionally, Navaar donated bools to the daycare center that he purchased with his own money. Navaar also helped prepare and serve breakfast to the residents at the local Ronald McDonald house. Schoolteachers and administrators have praised Navaar for being an exceptional student. Navarr's desire to help others show through these examples of his kindness.

Keyshawn Walker4th GradeAndrew Townsend School #39

Carol May, a citizen, nominated Keyshawn for his integrity. Keyshawn found a checkbook and register in the parking lot across the street from St. Andrew's church. Keyshawn tool the time to take the checkbook to the church and turn it over to a responsible adult. Because of Keyshawn honesty the checkbook was returned to the owner.

Travail Madison5th GradeWilson Foundation Academy

Robin Lavergne, the school counselor, nominated Travail for his random act of kindness. Travail has regularly, without prompting, provided assistance to a seventh grade student who is wheelchair bound. Travail has displayed initiative and compassion by helping someone in need.

Symphony Dinkins 2^{nd} GradeNathaniel Rochester School #30

Elizabeth Hallman-Dye is Rachel's mom and the person who nominated Rachel. Rachel was riding her bicycle on Field Street when she came upon an accident. A bicyclist had hit a parked car. The male bicyclist's arm was cut deeply and bleeding profusely, his leg was broken, and he had serious abrasions on his other leg. Rachel turned a potentially stressful situation into a calm, organized event by taking charge, rendering first aid, and remaining cool.

Abinazer Molla2nd GradeSaint Boniface

Carol May, a second grade teacher, nominated Abinazer for his honesty. During recess Abinazer found a wallet in the parking lot that belonged to a teacher at the school. Abinazer immediately turned the wallet and its contents over to the recess monitor. Abinazer's is commended for his integrity.

October 2007

Bryan Keenan 12th Grade

East High School

Margaret Brazwell, the school nurse, nominated Bryan for going above and beyond to help during a medical emergency. Bryan, who is in the Fire Fighter's Program found himself pressed into medical service after catching a fainting student. For an hour or so, Bryan stayed nearby to help with the medical emergency. He inquired as to what he could do to help, and immediately followed through. Bryan provided invaluable help during a chaotic time. Due to Bryan's ability to stay focused and his willingness to lend a hand, a serious situation was alleviated and a potential disaster was prevented.

Candice Griffin 12th^h Grade James Monroe High School

Officer Virgil Ross, the School Resource Officer, nominated Candice for consistently striving to perform at a high level. Candice is a young lady who is focused on her academics and what she needs to do on a daily basis in order to be better than the day before. Candice is also involved in many extracurricular activities and excels in those activities as well. She serves as a prosecutor for teen court, she is the president for Student Council, and serves on the Church's children ministry. It has been echoed by teachers that Candice is a very dynamic young lady. There is no doubt that we will be reading more on Candice's accomplishments, she is a great role model.

Juanita Velazquez7th GradeJames Monroe High School

Luci Stone, an ESOL teacher, nominated Juanita for her courage. Juanita came forward to report to an adult that a student in her classroom had taken two laptop computers and a computer charger. Due to Juanita's honesty the school was able to recover all of the equipment.

Makayla Spence 3rd Grade Henry W. Longfellow School #36

Mary Jo Brennan, a teacher, nominated Makayla for helping to stamp out violence. Makayla informed Ms.Brennan that two 3rd grade girls were planning to "jump" another 3rd grader. Because Makayla alerted staff to the situation, a fight was avoided and intervention was established.

Nancy Jones –Price, Program Development Specialist with the Department of Recreation, nominated Jessica for her commitment to the community. Two examples of her commitment are: While at the recreation center a coworker showed Jessica a gun that was hidden in his book bag. Jessica took the initiative and reported the incident. Her action may have very well saved lives. Another example is that Jessica has taken three youth under her wing. These children come from a home where parental involvement is limited. These children trust, turn to and look up to Jessica. Jessica has shown courage in helping others during challenging and even frightening situations, and demonstrates a commitment to youth and her community.

November 2007

Tashjmen Cowart10th GradeGlobal Arts Medai HS at FranklinIsaiah Cowart5th Grade Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School #9

In September Tashjmen observed an individual getting ready to jump form the Patrick O'Rourke Bridge in Charlotte. She alerted her mother who then stopped the vehicle they were driving in. Her mother, Monique McClaurin, tried to engage the individual in a conversation while Tashjmen and her 10 year old brother Isaiah, ran approximately ¹/₄ mile to a Wilson Farms store on Lake Avenue to call 911 for help. This individual received needed medical help as a result of their efforts. Because of Tashjmen's and Isaiah's quick thinking and awareness of their surroundings a human life was saved.

Helena Clements HOunsel 11th Grade Brighton High School

School counselor Holly Juliano nominated Helena for her dedication to giving back to the community. He4lena received the Outstanding Intern Award from the Red Cross, Rochester Chapter for showing outstanding service in the Chapter Advancement Division of the Red Cross in assisting with special events like the Fire and Ice Ball. She is a member of the Chemically Free Athlete Club, Distributive Education Club of America, The Brighton High School Yearbook, the Welcoming Committee, the softball, and skiing and soccer teams. Helena is an intern in the physical therapy program at Brighton High School where she works with a student with special needs once a week under adult supervision. Helena is describes as a responsible, self-directed, caring conscientious, outgoing, welcoming intelligent, generous, and mature young lady. Paul Dentino, a 911 Police Dispatcher nominated Loreni. Loreni's father called 911 b3ecaus he was having chrest pains and was in serious pain. He passed the phone to Loreni who during the whole cal took charge of the situation giving the rest of the family the instructions provided by the dispatcher. She remained very calm until the Fire Department and ambulance arrived. She also did hr best to calm her mother and father down. Loreni's ability to stay calm during a very difficult situation and provide the necessary assistance to her family while waiting for the emergency responder to arrive may have helped save hr father's life.

Christian Gonzalez-Reyes 5th Grade John Williams School # 5

Caesar Carbonell, a witness and Janet Anderson,, a citizen that Christian had assisted in helping to find her belongings, nominated Christian. Ms. Anderson was the victim of an assault in August of 2007. During the assault Ms. Anderson lost many of her personal belongings. Christian came to her aid and helped her find her personal belongings, which included her wallet. Christian also sough out his friends and his sister to assist in the search. Christian located Ms. Anderson's wallet and alerted the police immediately. His pro active assistance and quick thinking allowed for Ms. Anderson to get her belongings back in a timely manner.

December 2007

Daniel Piehler

12th Grade

Gates Chili School

Mr. and Mrs. David Sandvigen nominated Daniel, for his courage and perseverance. A year ago, Daniel caught a cold that would not go away. After a period of time it was discovered that he had Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Daniel was treated at the Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong but tired easily. However, Daniel refused to be tutored at home and attend classes regularly. He even took his SAT exam. When baseball season came Danny played 16 out of his team's 21 games and managed to hit.333. As the catcher of the team, Daniel needed to be a strong leader and inspire his teammates and he was able to do that consistently. Through his ordeal, Daniel has been courageous and committed to doing the two things he loves: attending school and playing baseball. It is because of his courage and being a role model for other young people fighting cancer that Daniel was nominated.

Edward Goolsby	12 th Grade	Gates Chili School
Brittany Fedick	8 th Grade	Gates Chili School
Steve Murphy	12 th Grade	Gates Chili School

Dr. Diane Finnerty nominated the three Gates Chili School students who helped to save a life, Steve Murphy and Eddie Goolsby observed a woman on the Wegman Road Bridge, who appeared as if she was going to jump off the bridge. Steve and Eddy quickly grabbed the women and pulled her over the railing to safety. Once the women was out of harms way Brittany Fedick talked to her in order to calm her down. She continued to talk to her until the police arrived and the distraught woman received the help that she needed.

January 2008

Michael Yamili

10th Grade

Charlotte High School

Anibal Soler, Jr. nominated Michael for coming to the aid of a fellow student. Female student was at school and in possession of a knife. He was able to stop the girl from hurting anyone and helped the adults disarm her, Michael was instrumental in maintaining the safety fo the other students at the school. Michael is also an excellent student and a great role model for others.

Canon Davis-Smith5th GradeLincoln Park School # 44

Adrienne Davis, Canon's mother, nominated him for his quick thinking and great judgment. Canon and his mother were leaving church and were driving through the intersection of Genesee St. and Magnolia St. Canon observe what he though to be someone lying in the snow. He told his mother to stop and back up to where the male was. He also told his mother to call 911 and the Emergency Medical Personnel responded to provide the man the medical assistance that he needed.

Chasman McKenzie	7 th Grade	Wilson Magnet High School
Michael Pergalizzi	1 st Grade	Ivan Green Primary School

Officer Jose Nobrega nominated Chasman and Michael for helping to solve a crime. The boys approached Officer Nobrega as he was investigation a burglary. The boys told him that they saw a make running from the burglarized location. They also provided a good description of the male and where they had last seen him. As the boys were speaking to the officer they once again saw the make and pointed hi out to the officers. Thanks to the quick thinking and great observation skills of the two boys officers were able to arrest the male and returned the property that was taken to its owner.

Alexander James Hummel 9th Grade Honeoye Falls /Lima School

Alexander was nominated by his father, John Hummel for responding quickly and showing great courage during a very hazardous situation. Alexander, his brother John Jr. and his mother were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Thanksgiving night. The accident was so sever that the vehicle that Mrs. Hummel was driving was split in half. Alexander who was not hurt was able to turn off the vehicle, release his mothers' seat belt and pull her to safety. Once he had his mother in a safe area he went to the other side of the road and pulled his brother to safety as well. Alexander's quick thinking and courage should be commended.

February 2008

Obreanna McCullough 6th Grade **Dag Hammarskjold School #**6

Officer Moses Robinson for her random act of kindness nominated Obreanna. Officer Robinson observed Obreanna and a friend on Christmas Day shoveling a very large parking lot at a church. When Officer Robinson asked them why they were shoveling the parking lot they told him that they were bored so they decided to shovel the parking lot. They began shoveling the lot on Christmas Eve. They came back on Christmas because they had decided that they were going to shovel the entire parking lot Obreanna's consideration and kindness is present in everything that she does as it is in this random act of kindness.

Nicole Holloway 9th Grade

Leanne Holloway, Nicole's mother nominated her for her caring and compassion. Nicole and her younger both have asthma and have struggled with it. One night Nicole's younger sister had an asthma attack in the middle of the night. Nicole heard her struggling to breath and immediately got out of bed to assist her. Nicole brought her sister into her room and gave her sister her asthma machine. Nicole's quick thing and compassion may have saved her sister's life.

Dre'shawn Johnson 8thGrade John Marshall High School

Louann Dellanoce nominated Dre'shawn, a teacher at the school. She nominated him for intervening during a fight between two other students. Ms. Dellanoce heard what sounded like a fight occurring down the hall from her classroom. When she went to investigate she observed two males tumble into the hallway from a classroom down the hall. One of the males was Dre'shawn. He was attempting to stop his friend from becoming involved in a physical confrontation with another student. The entire time he was struggling with his frien he was telling him "it's just not worth it" and to calm down. Dre'shawn's action helped to calm a potentially violent situation.

David Mazzullo12th GradeChurchville-Chili High School

David was nominated by his father for his caring and volunteerism. David has been volunteering with Lifetime Care Hospice for over two years through their teen program, "Compassion Net". As part of his volunteering he spends time with children who have parents or grandparents that are under hospice care. He takes them to the movies and bowling as well as plays board games with them. He also provides them with companionship and compassion during a very difficult time. David manages to work in these activities with the kids while maintaining his schoolwork and participation in sports. He is great role model for other youth. 9th Grade

Denise Quamina, a teacher nominated Jarod for his quick thinking. One day in class Jarod's teacher Ms. Martinez fainted. Jarod without hestation immediately went out into the hall to find another staff member. He found Mrs. Quamina and told her that his teacher had fainted. Because of his quick thinking Emergency Medical Services were called and Ms Martinez was transported to the hospital where she received the necessary medical assistance.

March 2008

Zoe Hammonds4th GradeNazareth Hall Elementary

Zoe's mother, Emily Hammonds nominated her daughter for her commitment to help those in need. Zoe decided to ask her fellow classmates to help raise funds for UNICEF. They collected \$414.75. After, Zoe counted and wrapped all the coins she wrote "thank you" notes to all the classes that participated. By getting her classmates involved, Zoe not only raised money thru teamwork, but also exposed her school and the community to a Worldwide Organization like UNICEF, which helps millions of people around the world.

Miranda Murphy 5th Grade George Mather Forbes School #4

Chief Floyd Madison nominated Miranda for her incredible kind act in digging out fire hydrants from the snow in her neighborhood. Based on a letter the Chief received from a grateful citizen about Miranda, they both agreed that this little girl-deserved recognition for the good deed she provided the community. Dressed in her winter clothes with her scarf over her nose and mouth, she would dig out a couple of fire hydrants, go home, get warm and come back out to do some more. Her actions assured that water would be easily obtained in case of a fire emergency.

Prisvin Tappa 5th Grade James P. B. Duffy School #12

Sandra Meleca, Prisvin's teacher nominated Prisvin for her model behavior as a student and as a citizen. Prisvin's personality and character traits make her a positive role model to her friends and classmates. Ms. Meleca stated, "Her commitment to her schoolwork, academics, and her positive attitude is a pleasure to witness. She is extremely respectful and kind to anyone that she comes in contact with and that is why she is so liked and admired by faculty and staff in our school." In addition when Prisvin goes home after school she helps her mother by caring for her siblings.

Thalia Matos4th GradeNathaniel Rochester Community

Thalia's teacher, Teron A. Lewis, nominated her for always doing the right thing. Thalia exemplifies classroom expectations of respecting self, others, and the learning environment on a daily basis. She models polite, respectful and caring behavior at all times in and out of the classroom. Thalia follows school policy and procedure as well as instructions from staff.

Anjali Vazquez5nd GradeWorld of Inquiry School #58

Amy Martin, Anjali's teacher, nominated Anjali for befriending a classmate who was the victim of teasing and isolation by her peers. Anjali made the right decision by going against the majority and following her own instincts. She refused to participate in gossip and always treats faculty, staff, and classmates with respect. She extends her sincere friendship in a truly nurturing and kind way to everyone.

April Winners

Bishop Williams 5th Grade World of Inquiry School #58

Amy Martin, Bishop's teacher, nominated Bishop for his genuine honesty and his wellbehaved demeanor. Bishop observes the following characteristics on a daily basis: responsibility, compassion, empathy, and dignity. His caring and collaborative nature makes him a team player and someone the other students look up to.

Kiana Coley7th GradeGeorge Mather Forbes School #4

Ms. Linda Whittier, a mother to one of the students who rides the bus with Kiana, nominated Kiana for her quick thinking and compassion in keeping children with special needs comfortable. Kiana saw a child on the school bus with Down Syndrome in distress and proceeded to assist her. Kiana put on the child's seat belt to make her feel calm, secure, and at ease. Kiana took on an adult role when she saw one of her peers struggling. Her quick thinking and compassionate nature filled the gap for a child who was having a hard time. Kiana stepped up to the plate and reached out to someone in need with positive results.

Miguel Ortiz

8th Grade

Wilson Foundation Academy

Ms. Sarah Infante, Miguel's teacher, nominated Miguel for his continuous generosity, leadership and support. Miguel comes to school always ready to lend a helping hand to his peers or me. He was chosen by his class to hold a leadership position within our social studies class. Miguel is one who always exemplifying the "Wilson Way." Miguel is an excellent example for all students to follow.

Ibrahim Williams1st GradeCharles Carroll School #46

Ms. Sharon Delly, Ibrahim's school principal, nominated Ibrahim for his honesty. When Ibrahim was in the school library checking out his book, he found a \$10.00 bill between the book's pages. Instead of keeping the money, he sought out Ms. Humphrey, the librarian to give it to her and let her know where he found it. Ibrahim's integrity should be commended and recognized so others can learn from his good deed.

¹⁸ May 2007

Gregory Selke

11th Grade

Churchville-Chili High

Gregory's mother, Deborah Selke, nominated him for his charitable work. For the past two years Gregory managed and oversaw a 5K race called "Daniels 5K". Last year 138 people ran and they raised \$7,000 for Daniel's family who was able to take Daniel on a cross-country vacation before he died in June 2006. This year the race was held on March 31, 2007; 295 runners participated and they raised \$10,000 for charity and for the same family that had a child diagnosed with life threatening aplastic anemia in January 2007. Gregory's desire to help others shows through this example of concern for others.

Felicia Astacio

12th Grade

Brockport High School

Leticia Astacio, Felicia's sister, nominated her for her compassion and selflessness. Felicia is a senior at Brockport High School. Due to family issues Felicia had to move from Brockport to the City. Felicia desired to finish out her school year at Brockport. Unfortunately, transportation was not provided. Felicia obtained a job working 30 hours a week to help her pay for transportation. When Felicia is not feeling well she will still take her little sister to Brockport and return to pick her up when school is out. In spite of her long hours of work, she maintains a "B" average. Felicia's younger sister, Alicia suffers from an autoimmune disorder and has to have treatments every other day. Felicia takes it upon her self to make sure that her sister receives her treatments by taking her. Felicia has shown strength, determination, and perseverance through these family crises.

Chelsea Davison5th GradeLakeshore Elementary School

Rachelle Yablin, Chelsea's counselor, nominated Chelsea for her fearlessness and demonstration of good citizenship. Chelsea is a school safety and takes her job seriously.

Chelsea among other students saw a youth with a knife on the morning bus. Chelsea was the only student to step forward and report the knife to an adult. Her actions may have helped to prevent a tragic incident from occurring.

Skiasia Washington Kindergarten General Elwell S. Otis School #30

Mary Jane Bills, the secretary at #30 School, nominated Skiasia for her bravery. Skiasia's mom was trying to put out a fire in the basement of their home and Skiasia, went upstairs to the bedrooms, brought her 2 and 4 year old sisters outside. In addition, she woke up two other adults and told them to go outside. At 5-years old Skiasia has proven to be a real heroine.

Kiera Martin5th GradeAndrew J. Townson School # 36

Theresa Perkins, a telecommunicator from 9-1-1 center, nominated Kiera for being levelheaded during a crisis. Kiera called 9-1-1 because her mom was having a seizure. While on the phone Kiera's mom started to go into a second seizure. Kiera stayed very calm and responded to all question and followed all of the instructions the 9-1-1 operator gave her. Kiera's composure during an emergency helped to keep her mom safe until the emergency personnel were able to respond.

June 2007

Leslie Thurman 9th Grade Fredrick Douglass Preparatory School

Captain Kevin Costello of the Rochester Police Department nominated Leslie for her courage during difficult circumstances. On March 21, 2007 Leslie was a victim of a dog bite. While walking home from school a very large Rotweiller charged Leslie and bit her. She fled to a neighborhood porch where the dog followed her and continued to attack her. While on the porch Leslie grabbed the collar and rear neck skin of the dog and physically restrained it, preventing if from continuing to bite her. Neighbors responded to help as she continued to hold the large dog that continued to bite her and try to break free. Her actions, performed while injured (sustained bites to her leg, forearm and hand), prevented the dog from breaking free and injuring others in the area. This dog ultimately attempted to bite its owner and had to be shot when it broke free and charged the police officers.

James Eckelberger4th GradeAndrew J. Townson School #39

Mrs. Beverly Eckelberger is James' grandmother and the one who nominated him for his response in an emergency situation. James was with his grandmother when she went into a diabetic coma. James called his mother and she directed him to call out to his grandmother and to try to wake her up, but she was too far-gone. James' grandmother attributes his actions and his being levelheaded to her being here today.

Daesha Lumpkins5th GradeHenry Lomb School #20

Ms. Greta Davis, the school social worker, nominated Daesha for exhibiting courage. Ms. Coleman, Daesha's mother experienced a prolong illness that resulted in her becoming incapacitated for an extended period of time. As she struggled to regain her strength,

Daesha stepped in to provide vital support for her family. Daesha assisted with household duties, which included caring for both her mother and her severely handicapped sister. Ms. Coleman stated that during time of despair and profound sadness; Daesha would often encourage her with a kind word, a prayer, or a song. Daesha was able to maintain her family crisis and still managed to keep up with her schoolwork. Daesha showed a tremendous display of character and responsibility when faced with her mother's illness.

Brian Dunn3rdGradeGeorge Mather Forbes School #4

Melvin Martinez 2nd Grade John Walton Spencer School #16

Mr. Bruce Dunn, Brian and Melvin's grandfather, nominated them for selflessly providing a community service. Brian and Melvin are cousins, and decided to have a "clean sweep" of their own. One Saturday morning they commissioned themselves to cleaning the sidewalks and yards from Anthony Street to Post Avenue. Their hard work made a difference to the appearance of the neighborhood. These young boys serve as an example for youth and adults of what being a productive citizen of the community is about.

"Do The Right Thing" POSTER CONTEST WINNERS:

First Place:

Jessica Morel a 10th Grader at James Monroe High School

Second Place:

Ashley Rivera and 8th Grader at James Monroe High School

Third Place:

Sheldon Hart a 12th Grader at James Monroe High School

Program Statistics

School Participation

This program recognized 120 students. 58 Schools Participated 28 Urban Schools 14 Suburban Schools 8 Parochial Schools

Top 3 schools for nominations received

Henry W. Longfellow School # 36 - 12 Nominations
Charles Carroll School #4 6 - 8 Nominations
East High School - 6 Nominations

Top 2 schools for continuous participation

Henry W. Longfellow School # 36 - 4 out of 5 ceremonies Webster Schools – 3 out of 5 ceremonies

Grade Participation & Grade Winners

5th Grade 25 nominations 6th Grade 15 nominations 3rd Grade 11 nominations

5th Grade 11 winners 4th Grade 6 winners 7th & 8th Grades tie at 5 winners each

"Do The Right Thing" Family Day

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Co-hosted by TOPS Friendly Markets and Seabreeze Amusement Park

Approximately 125 people enjoyed the day. The winners and their families came together to enjoy the park and share their stories. Seabreeze Amusement Park provided the park, picnic area; amusement rides and water rides, which were thoroughly enjoyed on this hot day. Hot dogs, hamburgers, salad, chips, drink and ice cream was provided courtesy of our sponsors. Also, provided by the sponsors were toys and games that were raffled off.



"Do The Right Thing" Scholarship Presentation Tuesday, June 26, 2007

The "Do The Right Thing" Awards Program presented four (4) \$1,000.00 scholarships to senior students entering college.

Scholarship recipients:



Felicia Astacio graduated from Brockport High School and will attend the State University at Brockport to study Psychology.



Karissa Muratore graduated from Aquinas Institute and will be attending Monroe Community College to study Education.

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Shaniece McClaney

graduated from John Marshall High School and will attend Onondaga Community College to study Digital Media.



Samantha Perez Graduated from Wheatland-Chili High School and will attend the State University of Geneseo to study Biology

29 END OF THE YEAR STUDENT SURVEY

13 out of 47 responses have been 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 it come as a total surprise?

I was aware of the nomination. 5 The nomination was a total surprise. 8

2. After being notified that you were selected for the "Do The Right Thing" Award, were you proud that your deed(s) were recognized?

YES: 13 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: 12 NO: 0 N/A: (home schooled) 1

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: 13 NO: 0

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

YES: 13 NO: 0

6. After being selected for the "Do The Right Thing" Award, do you feel that you acquired a better attitude towards the school system and the Rochester Police Dept.?

Already had a good attitude.8Helped to increase my attitude.4Has left no affect.1

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

YES: 9 NO: 4

8. Do you think 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: 13 NO: 0

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

The Miami Police Department For allowing us to share your program.

Mayor Robert J. Duffy For your continued support.

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

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RPD Photo Lab and Technicians For all our photographic needs.

Officer Clarence Bullock For Video Production.

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.

Darlien Parker & Harriet VerHurst For you volunteerism. Your dedication and commitment keeps this program going.

This program provides special experiences for the children honored. We hope that 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".** This annual report was prepared and submitted by Sergeant Darlene Rogers.

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