

MORE THAN ONE MAKES A DIFFERENCE



2008 WINNING SCHOOLS, STUDENTS & THEIR PRESENTERS

NAME OF HIGH OR MIDDLE SCHOOL	WINNING STUDENT'S NAME	PRESENTER FOR ASSOCIATES & BRUCE L. SCHEINER
ALVA MIDDLE	DANIKA DESGAZON	MAURA MEACHINI
BARRON COLLIER HIGH	MARY G. BATSON	RACHEL KAGAN
BONITA SPRINGS MIDDLE	RAINA M. STEVENS	SUSAN CUNNINGHAM
CAPE CORAL HIGH	LAUREN O. LENARD	ESTRELLA HOFFMAN
CHARLOTTE HIGH	KATHERINE L. HWASS	DENISE ELLISON
CLEWISTON HIGH	JESSICA S. RIOS	JOEL MORONEY
CYPRESS LAKE HIGH	CHELSEA L. TIEU	SUSAN CUNNINGHAM
DESOTO MIDDLE	KENDALL M. HINES	FRANK "SKIP" WEST
DIPLOMAT MIDDLE	SAIGE C. ABRAMS	ESTRELLA HOFFMAN
ESTERO HIGH	ALICIA M. RAKOCINSKI	SUSAN CUNNINGHAM
FORT MYERS MIDDLE ACADEMY	KALEY D. LATHER	KIM NOTT
GOLDEN GATE HIGH	TONANTZIN BAZAN DOMINQUEZ	JEFF MALLORY
GULF COAST HIGH	MORGAN R. HOLLOWAY	STARR JOYCE
IMMOKALEE HIGH	MARIA M. BALTAZAR	DON GREGORY
LEE MIDDLE	JESSICA L. HALL	JOEL MORONEY
LEHIGH ACRES MIDDLE	WINNY WONG	DOLORES CARDEN
LEHIGH SENIOR HIGH	BRIAN M. ZATKOVICH	MAURA MEACHINI
MARINER HIGH	SAMANTHA L. MILCAREK	DAN DALESANDRO
NAPLES HIGH	CATHERINE A. GORMAN	DON GREGORY
NORTH NAPLES MIDDLE	ZOE L. VANDERHEID	CRYSTAL PATTERSON
PALMETTO RIDGE HIGH	JOSHUA E. KUCKO	JOEL MORONEY
PORT CHARLOTTE HIGH	CHELSEA M. LEE	DENISE ELLISON
RIVERDALE HIGH	JORDAN S. CLAPPER	SANDRA BADILLO
SEBRING HIGH	AMY L. HART	MARGARITA TABOADA
SEBRING MIDDLE	SAMANTHA JANSEN	JEFF MALLORY
SOUTH FT. MYERS HIGH	KRISTEN R. SLUSSER	JOEL MORONEY

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2008, MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATES & BRUCE L. SCHEINER CELEBRATED WITH 26 STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AT A LUNCHEON WHERE EACH STUDENT RECEIVED HIS OR HER UNITED STATES SAVINGS BOND FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

BECAUSE THESE STUDENTS DID SOME WONDERFUL THINGS, WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THIS EDITION OF THE BLS' EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER.

THE FOLLOWING PAGES WILL REFLECT THE GOODNESS OF THESE WINNERS; THE COMMITMENT TO THEIR COMMUNITY AND FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS. WE HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY READING ABOUT THEM AND WE HOPE THEY WILL INSPIRE YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY. MEET OUR WINNERS...

MAKE A DIFFERENCE (CONTINUED)



MAKE A DIFFERENCE WINNERS ARE GREETED BY MRS. SCHEINER AS THEY ENTER TO REGISTER AT SASSE'S RESTAURANT FOR THE LUNCHEON

ALVA MIDDLE SCHOOL - 2008 AWARD WINNER - DANIKA DESGAZON

DANIKA'S WINNING ESSAY PROVIDED US WITH AN INSIGHT ON HOW SHE SINGLE-HANDEDLY RAISED MONEY TO ENHANCE THE LIFE OF A DYING CHILD. IN ADDITION TO THIS EFFORT, DANIKA ALSO ASSISTED IN FUND-RAISING SUPPORT FOR A.C.T. (ABUSE COUNSELING & TREATMENT CENTER); ASSISTED A NEIGHBOR AND A FRIEND IN DEALING WITH THE PAIN AND INCALCULABLE CHALLENGES OF LIVING WITH MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY. DANIKA ALSO VOLUNTEERED HER SKILLS FOR RELAY FOR LIFE LOCAL EVENTS.

BARRON COLLIER HIGH SCHOOL - 2008 AWARD WINNER - MARY G. BATSON

MARY'S WINNING ESSAY DISCUSSED MARY'S VOLUNTEER WORK AS A STUDENT AID. SHE REGULARLY VISITED ROBERT CENTER AND CYPRESS RUN NURSING HOMES, SPENDING QUALITY TIME WITH THE RESIDENTS THERE. SHE WOULD READ TO THEM, ALLOW THEM TO REMINISCE OF HAPPIER TIMES. IN ADDITION TO HER VOLUNTEER WORK AT THE NURSING HOMES, MARY ALSO PARTICIPATED IN RELAY FOR LIFE AND AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY FUND-RAISING EFFORTS.

BONITA SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL - 2008 AWARD WINNER - RAINA M. STEVENS

RAINA IS EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS AND FOR THE POTTER'S CAMPAIGN TO AID IN THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK. SHE ASSISTS IN BEACH CLEAN UP PROJECTS WITHIN HER COMMUNITY AND HELPS ORGANIZE SCHOOL CAMPUS CLEAN UP PROJECTS. RAINA FEELS VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT AND THOSE LESS FORTUNATE AND HER SELFLESS EFFORTS PROVE ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

CAPE CORAL HIGH SCHOOL - 2008 AWARD WINNER - LAUREN O. LENARD

LAUREN SHOWS HER STRONG DEDICATION TO THE SUPPORT OF YOUNGER CHILDREN IN HER COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER WORK. LAUREN WORKED WITH OTHER STUDENTS TO HELP BEAUTIFY A LOCAL CHILDREN'S DAY CARE CENTER. LAUREN'S STRONG LEADERSHIP SKILLS INSPIRE FELLOW STUDENTS TO HELP BEAUTIFY AND CLEAN UP AREA SCHOOL CLASSROOMS SO THAT STUDENTS CAN LEARN IN A SAFE AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT.

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL - 2008 AWARD WINNER - KATHERINE L. HWASS

KATHERINE IS VERY ACTIVE IN THE FOOD PROGRAM SPONSORED BY HER LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE SALVATION ARMY; KATHERINE VISITS NURSING HOMES AND BRINGS CHEER TO THE RESIDENTS. KATHERINE ENJOYS READING TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN AND HELPING THEM COMPLETE THEIR ASSIGNMENTS.



MR. SCHEINER WELCOMES 2008 MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD WINNERS TO LUNCHEON

WHILE PJ SCHEINER DISCUSSES COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH BRIAN ZATKOVICH- 2008 LE-HIGH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNER

WINNY WONG 2008 WINNER REPRESENTING LE-HIGH ACRES MIDDLE SCHOOL -- WITH HER DAD AT LUNCHEON



Susan Cunningham with Raina M. Stevens and her guest Jeanie

Samantha Jansen with her proud parents

Kendall Hines and her Mom, Donna

MAKE A DIFFERENCE (CONTINUED)

CLEWISTON HIGH SCHOOL - 2008 AWARD WINNER - JESSICA S. RIOS

JESSICA ENJOYS WORKING WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN AND IS A RESPECTED TUTOR IN AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM WHERE SHE HELPS STRUGGLING STUDENTS MASTER MATH AND ENGLISH AND ANY SUBJECT THAT A STUDENT REQUIRES REMEDIAL ASSISTANCE. JESSICA IS ALSO ACTIVE IN RELAY FOR LIFE PROGRAMS AND THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS.

CYPRESS LAKE HIGH SCHOOL - 2008 AWARD WINNER - CHELSEA L. TIEU

CHELSEA HAS A GREAT PASSION FOR SPORTS AND DANCE. THROUGH THESE TWO MEDIUMS, SHE BRINGS ENTERTAINMENT TO THE ELDERLY AT AREA NURSING HOMES THROUGH PERSONALLY CHOREOGRAPHED ROUTINES. SHE PARTICIPATES IN VARIOUS FUND RAISING EFFORTS THROUGH HER CHURCH PROGRAMS TO BRING SOME ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO MOST NEED HELP WITHIN HER COMMUNITY.

DESOTO MIDDLE SCHOOL - 2008 AWARD WINNER - KENDALL M. HINES

KENDALL DEVOTES A GREAT DEAL OF HER TIME TO FUND-RAISING TO HELP A CHILD IN ALBANIA; HER VOLUNTEER WORK AT LOCAL AREA NURSING HOMES AND HER CARD-MAKING EFFORTS IN BEHALF OF THE SALVATION ARMY, AND HER ABILITY TO ENTERTAIN THOROUGH MUSIC AT LOCAL SCHOOLS AND NURSING HOMES AND HER WILLINGNESS TO HELP WHEREVER HELP IS NEEDED.

DIPLOMAT MIDDLE SCHOOL - 2008 AWARD WINNER - SAIGE C. ABRAMS

SAIGE TOOK ON AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK ONE CHRISTMAS TO OBTAIN BICYCLES FOR NEEDY CHILDREN. HER FIRST ATTEMPT PROVIDED SOME BICYCLES FOR A FEW KIDS, BUT SAIGE WANTED TO DO MORE. HER WILLINGNESS TO TRY; HER INCREDIBLE ENTHUSIASM AND 'CAN DO' ATTITUDE HAS GROWN TO AN ANNUAL FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN TO PROVIDE DESERVING CHILDREN THROUGHOUT HER COMMUNITY WITH BICYCLES.

ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL - 2008 AWARD WINNER - ALICIA M. RAKOCINSKI

ALICIA PARTICIPATES IN THE RELAY FOR LIFE EVENTS IN HER COMMUNITY; SHE PROVIDED HOLIDAY PRESENTS FOR PATIENTS AT ALL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. ALICIA LOVES TO ENTERTAIN AND VISIT WITH RESIDENTS IN LOCAL AREA NURSING HOMES AND PERFORMS SPECIAL DANCES TO THEIR DELIGHT.

FORT MYERS MIDDLE ACADEMY - 2008 AWARD WINNER - KALEY D. LATHER

KALEY VOLUNTEERS WHATEVER SERVICES ARE REQUIRED FOR THE ABUSED WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER IN HER COMMUNITY. KALEY PICKS UP DONATIONS FOR THE SHELTER; HELPS PROCESS THEM AND DISTRIBUTE THEM AT THE SHELTER. KALEY ALSO SPENDS A GREAT DEAL OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER TIME AT NORTH COLLIER HOSPITAL. KALEY VISITS AND READS TO THE PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. KALEY HAS RAISED A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY TO HELP THE REFUGEES IN UGANDA.

GOLDEN GATE HIGH SCHOOL - 2008 AWARD WINNER - TONANTZIN BAZAN DOMINIQUEZ

TONANTZIN HAS A DEEP AND ABIDING PASSION TO HELP CHILDREN THROUGH THE BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS ORGANIZATION. SHE HELPS MENTOR CHILDREN THROUGH THAT PROGRAM AND ALSO PERFORMS VOLUNTEER DUTIES AT HER LOCAL FOOD BANKS. SHE HAS PARTICIPATED IN CANNED FOOD DRIVES; BLANKET DRIVES FOR THE HOMELESS AND IS A CONSISTENT VOLUNTEER FOR MARCH OF DIMES EVENTS. IF THIS WAS NOT ENOUGH TO KEEP TONANTZIN BUSY, SHE VOLUNTEERS HER TIME AT LOCAL AREA NURSING HOMES WHERE SHE VISITS WITH THE RESIDENTS AND OFFERS THEM A BREAK FROM AN ORDINARY DAY.

GULF COAST HIGH SCHOOL - 2008 AWARD WINNER - MORGAN R. HOLLOWAY

MORGAN'S PASSION IS THE CARE AND HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS. MORGAN DEVOTES A GREAT DEAL OF HER FREE TIME TO CLEANING UP THE STALLS AT THE LOCAL HUMANE SOCIETY; PLAYING WITH ANIMALS THERE AND ASSISTING IN ANY WAY THAT SHE CAN WITH THEIR FUND-RAISING EFFORTS. IN ADDITION, SHE VOLUNTEERS AT HEARTLAND HORSES FOR THE HANDICAPPED, WORKING WITH ADULTS AND CHILDREN FOR EXERCISE.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE (CONTINUED)



DANIKA DESGAZON WITH MOM AND DAD ENJOYING THE WONDERFUL ITALIAN CUISINE AT THE 2008 MAKE A DIFFERENCE LUNCHEON



DON GREGORY AND PREVIOUS MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD WINNER, NOW PART-TIME EMPLOYEE AT BLS, HALI HERBERT

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IMMOKALEE HIGH SCHOOL - 2008 AWARD WINNER - MARIA M. BALTAZAR

MARIA SHOWS HER DEDICATION TO DISABLED CHILDREN THROUGH HER COUNSELING EFFORTS AT JOHN MAXWELL BIASCO FOUNDATION'S SUMMER CAMP AND FOR HER WORK WITH SPECIAL NEEDS' CHILDREN AT THE COLLIER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAMS. SHE IS ALSO COMMITTED TO CLEANING UP THE ENVIRONMENT ONE PLACE AT A TIME AND VOLUNTEERS AT LOCAL BEACH CLEAN-UP EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

LEE MIDDLE SCHOOL - 2008 AWARD WINNER - JESSICA L. HALL

JESSICA PERFORMS A MYRIAD OF TASKS FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS BY VOLUNTEERING HER TIME AT LOCAL FUND-RAISING EVENTS. SHE IS PART OF A GROUP WHO DONATE THEIR TIME AND RESOURCES TO HELP FEED THE HOMELESS, DURING HER CHRISTMAS BREAKS AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH FORT MYERS CENTENNIAL PARK EVENTS FOR THE HOMELESS OF THE AREA. JESSICA DELIGHTS IN WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND HELPS TEACH THEM SELF DISCIPLINE THROUGH THE ART OF DANCE. JESSICA IS AN EXCELLENT ROLE MODEL FOR HER FELLOW STUDENTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN THROUGHOUT HER COMMUNITY.

LEHIGH ACRES MIDDLE SCHOOL- 2008 AWARD WINNER - WINNY WONG

WINNY VOLUNTEERS HER TIME AND RESOURCES AT THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET BY DISTRIBUTING FOOD, CLOTHING, WATER AND ASSISTING IN FINDING SHELTER AND HOPE TO IMPOVERISHED ARTISANS IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES; HER ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERTISE IN THE READ TO FEED PROGRAM -- DESIGNED TO HELP FIGHT WORLD HUNGER IS A GREAT HELP TO THAT ORGANIZATION. SHE ALSO PROVIDES GUIDANCE AS A VOLUNTEER AT HER LOCAL YMCA WHERE SHE SPENDS HER TIME MOTIVATING YOUNGER CHILDREN AND PEERS. HER ENTHUSIASM FOR LEARNING HELPS HER HELP THESE CHILDREN REACH BEYOND THEMSELVES TO ACHIEVE THE LOFTIEST OF GOALS.

LEHIGH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL- 2008 AWARD WINNER - BRIAN ZATKOVICH

BRIAN IS VERY ACTIVE IN THE FUTURE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA, FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA. BRIAN HELPS BY TUTORING STUDENTS AND HIS ENTHUSIASM IS INFECTIOUS. BRIAN ALSO HELPS SORT AND DISTRIBUTE FOOD TO THE NEEDY OF HIS COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

MARINER HIGH SCHOOL- 2008 AWARD WINNER - SAMANTHA L. MILCAREK

SAMANTHA'S PASSION IS THROUGH EDUCATION: SAMANTHA TUTORS THIRD GRADERS IN THE TEEN TRENDSETTERS READING MENTORS CLUB AND IS AN INSPIRATION TO COUNTLESS KIDS. SAMANTHA ALSO LENDS HER FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE UNITED WAY AND HAS PARTICIPATED IN FUND-RAISING EFFORTS FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS IN FORT MYERS AND THE ANNUAL CUT-A-TAN FUND-RAISING EVENTS TO HELP PROCURE FUNDS FOR THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK.

NAPLES HIGH SCHOOL- 2008 AWARD WINNER - CATHERINE A. GORMAN

CATHERINE DEDICATES HER SATURDAYS TO BRINGING COMFORT AND COMPANIONSHIP TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE LIFE CARE NURSING HOME CENTER IN ESTERO. CATHERINE ALSO VOLUNTEERS WITH THE CHILDREN OF THE LOMF DAY CAMP AND PARTICIPATES IN FUND-RAISING EFFORTS FOR RELAY FOR LIFE; BIKERS FOR BABIES; CHILI COOK-OFFS, SALVATION ARMY FUND-RAISING DRIVES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE (CONTINUED)



WINNERS OF THE 2008 MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARDS FROM SCHOOLS ALL OVER THE AREA GET TO MEET AND GREET EACH OTHER.



Chelsea Tieu and her guests

Mary G. Batson smiles for the camera

Mr. Scheiner chats with 2 guests

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NORTH NAPLES MIDDLE SCHOOL - 2008 AWARD WINNER - ZOE L. VANDERHEID

ZOE, IN ADDITION TO WORKING VERY HARD AT HER STUDIES, PARTICIPATED IN THE RELAY FOR LIFE EVENTS, HEALTH FAIRS, FOOD DRIVES AND IS PASSIONATE ABOUT RECYCLING TO SAVE OUR PLANET. SHE WORKS TIRELESSLY IN EDUCATING STUDENTS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF POLLUTION AND HOW SIMPLE ACTIONS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

PALMETTO RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL - 2008 AWARD WINNER - JOSHUA E. KUCKO

JOSHUA IS PART OF A READING MENTORING PROGRAM AT HIS NEIGHBORHOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HE IS AN ACTIVE ADVOCATE TO HELP SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT WITHIN HIS COMMUNITY AND HAS DEDICATED HIS TIME TO HELP CLEAN UP STREETS AND ROADS THROUGH THE SCHOOL'S J.R.O.T.C. PROGRAM. HE HAS WORKED WITH THE ATHLETES IN THE SPECIAL OLYMPIC EVENTS AND HE VOLUNTEERS WITH LOCAL VETERAN GROUPS TO PLACE FLAGS ON GRAVESITES FOR VETERANS.

PORT CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL- 2008 AWARD WINNER - CHELSEA M. LEE

CHELSEA VOLUNTEERS WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS ON SEVERAL PROJECTS; VOLUNTEERS AT ANIMAL SHELTERS AND HELPS FIND HOMES FOR ABUSED AND ABANDONED ANIMALS. SHE VOLUNTEERS AT THE AMGIO'S CENTER AND IS A TASTE OF COLLIER VOLUNTEER AND SPONSORS A VIETNAMESE CHILD.

RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL- 2008 AWARD WINNER - JORDAN S. CLAPPER

JORDAN WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING THE INTERACT CLUB TO HIS SCHOOL. THE INTERACT CLUB MOTIVATES STUDENTS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY THROUGH VOLUNTEER WORK. JORDAN FOUND A NEED IN A LOCAL CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY CENTER AND, ALONG WITH OTHER STUDENTS, PROCEEDED TO PAINT, RESTORE AND REORGANIZE CLASSROOMS AT THE CENTER.

SEBRING HIGH SCHOOL- 2008 AWARD WINNER - AMY L. HART

AMY IS DEDICATED TO INCREASING CANCER AWARENESS IN HER COMMUNITY; SHE ASSISTED IN FUND-RAISING EFFORTS FOR THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA; IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PENNIES FOR PARKINSON'S FOUNDATION AND HAS DONATED HER OWN PERSONAL SPORTING EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING TO CHILDREN WHO CANNOT AFFORD THESE ITEMS ON THEIR OWN. IN ADDITION TO ALL THE ABOVE, AMY COLLECTS EVERY-DAY ITEMS TO HELP MAKE SOLDIERS LIVES A LITTLE MORE BEARABLE THROUGH OPERATION CARE.

SEBRING MIDDLE SCHOOL- 2008 AWARD WINNER - SAMANTHA JANSEN

SAMANTHA VOLUNTEERS HER TIME TO HELP CLEAN AREA ROADWAYS; SHE VISITS NURSING HOMES ON A REGULAR BASIS, SPREADING CHEER AND HOPE TO THE RESIDENTS. SHE ALSO SPENDS A GREAT DEAL OF TIME WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN HER COMMUNITY THROUGH CHURCH-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES.

SOUTH FORT MYERS SCHOOL- 2008 AWARD WINNER - KRISTEN R. SLUSSER

KRISTEN VOLUNTEERS HER TIME IN PET THERAPY PROGRAMS AT LOCAL NURSING HOMES; SHE IS AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY; THE SUSAN G. KOMEN FOUNDATION AND ALSO HELPS UNDERPRIVILEGED INDIVIDUALS WITHIN HER COMMUNITY IN ANY WAY SHE CAN.