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STUDENT HONORED BY THE DO THE RIGHT THING PROGRAM AND MIAMI POLICE FOR REPORTING GUN IN CLASSMATE'S BACKPACK

MIAMI, FL – March 15, 2023 – As school safety takes the national spotlight, the Do The Right Thing Program will honor 10 amazing students out of almost 700 nominees, who serve as an inspiration to the community and are being rewarded for doing the right thing by Miami Police. One of these students, Rachel Duarte, a kindergarten student from Keys Gate Charter, is being honored for knowing just what to do when she saw a gun contained inside a classmate's backpack. The ceremony takes place on **Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 10:00 am in the auditorium of the Chief Clarence Dickson Police College, 350 NW 2nd Avenue.**

Each month of the school year students are awarded for their positive behavior, actions, and good deeds and receive a host of prizes including a mini tablet, plaque, Do The Right Thing t-shirt and bumper sticker, two tickets to a Miami Marlins game, a free pizza from Papa John's, gift cards, and passes to area attractions such as Zoo Miami and Island Queen Cruises. The students also receive letters of congratulations from United States Senators Rick Scott and Marco Rubio. Two Special Recognition students are also selected and win trips to Rapids Water Park and Washington, D.C.

Do The Right Thing, Inc. is a not-for-profit, community-based program operating in cooperation with the City of Miami Police Department and other local law enforcement. The program serves school age youth throughout Miami-Dade County by recognizing positive accomplishments and behavior. Since its inception, Do The Right Thing has directly impacted over 250,000 youth in the Greater Miami area and has expanded to 70 other law enforcement agencies nationwide as well as to England and Germany. Building positive relationships between police and youth at an early age can make all the difference!

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