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MIAMI'S DO THE RIGHT THING PROGRAM FOSTERS POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN COPS AND KIDS

Police Honor Youths at Monthly Awards for Doing the Right Thing

MIAMI, FL – April 25, 2016 – This month's Do The Right Thing Awards, once again, honor amazing Miami-Dade students who inspire their peers and adults alike. From a student raising himself and residing alone at a homeless shelter to a young girl who saved her little brother from their burning home, 10 students who did the right thing during the month of March, are being rewarded for it by local law enforcement. The Top 10 winners, selected out of 650 nominees, will be honored by Miami Police Chief Rodolfo Llanes along with police officials from other departments throughout Miami-Dade County that represent the various winners' jurisdictions. The ceremony takes place on **Tuesday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the auditorium of the Miami Police Academy, 350 NW 2nd Avenue.**

Students are awarded for their positive behavior, actions, or good deeds and receive a host of prizes including a mini tablet, plaque, Do The Right Thing t-shirt and bumper sticker, free pizza from Papa John's, chocolate trophy from Miami Chocolatier, and passes to area attractions such as Bird Bowl, Jungle Island, and Zoo Miami. The students also receive letters of congratulations from United States Senator Bill Nelson and Miami-Dade County Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvahlo. Two Special Recognition students are also selected and win trips to Rapids Water Park and Washington, D.C. All students are also entered into drawings for a free helicopter ride courtesy of South Florida Helicopter Charter and Tours and a jetpack ride for two courtesy of Relentless WaterSports.

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, celebrating its 25th anniversary this school year, 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 234,000 youth in the Greater Miami area and has expanded to 59 other law enforcement agencies nationwide as well as to England and Germany. Bringing cops and kids together through a positive interaction at a young age can make all the difference!

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