



Barron Prize Announces 2001 National Winners

Boulder, CO, September 21, 2001 -- The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, an award that honors outstanding young leaders who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet, announces ten statewide winners for 2001.

Each Barron Prize winner will receive a \$2,000 award to be applied to their higher education or to their service project. The 2001 winners are:

- 1) Michaella, age 14, of Colorado, who played a leadership role in creating the Exceptional Rodeo for thirty-five children with physical and developmental disabilities.
- 2) Carter, age 16, of Colorado, who led a group of students that worked with local and state government to protect 185 acres along the Yampa River.
- 3) Ashley, age 16, of Colorado, who created AfricAid, a non-profit organization committed to helping African girls receive an education.
- 4) Mark, age 11, of Colorado, who organized "Skipping for Skylar," a jump rope skip-a-thon that raised over \$1,100 for a baby from his hometown in need of a heart transplant.
- 5, 6) Estephania and Esperanza, ages 13 and 14, of Colorado, sisters who created "Project Literacy," a neighborhood tutoring program where middle school students are helping elementary age kids improve their reading.
- 7) Adam, age 16, of Colorado, who incorporates his message of breast cancer awareness into the dynamic magic shows he performs, free of charge, for schoolchildren and teachers in Denver.
- 8) Tenise, age 18, of Colorado, who served as president of L.I.F.E. (Love is Finding Everyone), a Colorado Springs teen service group that organized projects for needy families and sponsored an AIDS Awareness program.
- 9) Michael, age 13, of Colorado, who organized a bowl-a-thon that raised over \$9,000 to help local 13-year-old burn victim Stephanie LeBlanc.
- 10) Julia, age 12, of Colorado, who started "Showers to Go!" which provides personal care products for needy community members.

The Barron Prize was founded by author T.A. Barron, and was named for his mother, Gloria Barron.