



Barron Prize Announces 2003 National Winners

Boulder, CO, September 8, 2003 -- **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 its 2003 national winners.

The 2003 winners of the Barron Prize represent great diversity from all across the country. Each winner will receive a \$2,000 prize to be applied to their higher education or to their service project. The 2003 winners are:

- 1) Anderson, age 16, of Massachusetts, who created “Teens for Technology,” a teen-run organization that has donated fully-equipped computer labs to 25 schools across Jamaica.
- 2) Stefanie, age 18, of Texas, who created the first successful paper recycling program in her small town and who has donated nearly \$10,000 from the sale of the recycled paper to her local library and animal shelter.
- 3) Reonda, age 17, of North Carolina, who led her Girl Scout troop and community in building the Girl Scout Gold House, the first Habitat for Humanity house in North Carolina built entirely by women.
- 4) Anthony, age 14, of Wisconsin, who created “Heavenly Hats” which has provided over 10,000 new hats to people who have lost their hair due to chemotherapy and other medical treatments.
- 5) Shifra, age 16, of New York, who for six years has spent several hours each week mending clothes for clients at a soup kitchen, and who has started a co-ed sewing club at her school that creates pillows to donate to New York City shelters.
- 6) Amir, age 18, of Minnesota, who has led an air quality campaign that has resulted in a new Minnesota state law that greatly reduces children’s exposure to diesel emissions from school buses.
- 7) Kristen, age 17, of Ohio, who has organized numerous “Plant a Row for the Hungry” projects in which over 200 people have learned to garden and have donated 1,300 pounds of produce to area food banks.
- 8) Whitney, age 18, of New York, who for two years has organized the “Stream Team” in her seaside community, leading over 50 student volunteers in cleaning up local freshwater streams.
- 9) Matthew, age 14, of Connecticut, who led a community-wide effort to raise \$350,000 needed to construct a wheelchair-accessible playground in his hometown.
- 10) Tanielle, age 17, of Alaska, who serves as chairperson for Alaska Youth for Environmental Action and is leading the effort to establish recycling programs in all of Alaska’s high schools.

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