

From: The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes Official Website: www.barronprize.org

Jeffersontown girl who raises money for autism research gets national award

Courier-Journal
by Charlie White
February 8, 2011

Michala Riggle, a 13-year-old Jeffersontown girl who has raised about \$350,000 to help autistic children in Louisville, has been honored with a national award.

Michala is one of 10 winners of the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, which includes \$2,500 that young leaders can use for their higher education or service project.

Motivated by her younger brother Evan, who has autism, Michala began selling handmade, beaded bracelets for \$3 each in 2007. She hopes to raise \$300 million to build an autism research center in the city.

For more information on Michala's project, go to www.beadingtobeatautism.org.