



Barron Prize Announces 2005 National Winners

Boulder, CO, September 7, 2005 – **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 2005 national winners.

The 2005 winners of the Barron Prize represent great diversity from all across the country. Winners each receive \$2,000 to be applied to their higher education or to their service project. The 2005 winners are:

- 1) Lindsey, age 17, of Missouri, who invented a water-saving irrigation device that doubles crop growth, and who has donated 20,000 pounds of produce to families in need.
- 2) Geneva, age 16, of New York, who created a non-profit youth service group called Bring it On!, which promotes community involvement and leadership development in the northeast Bronx, and which has connected 1,000 teenage girls with positive female role models.
- 3) Beth, age 18, of California, who founded the Arcata High School Conservation and Renewable Energy project (C.A.R.E.), which has received over \$30,000 in grants to install solar panels at the school to use in conducting renewable energy research.
- 4) Ana, age 13, of Colorado, who created Peruvian Hearts, a non-profit group that has raised \$15,000 to provide education, food, and clothing to girls in a Peruvian orphanage.
- 5) Clayton, age 16, of Texas, who founded Clayton's Backyard Crew, a group that has refurbished 700 bicycles to give as Christmas gifts to children whose parents are in prison.
- 6) Ebbie, age 13, of Pennsylvania, who led students in conducting water quality tests along the Delaware Canal, and whose research convinced state lawmakers to take action to improve the Canal's environmental health and recreational potential.
- 7) Claire, age 18, of Oklahoma, who created a domestic violence prevention program in the Choctaw Nation schools in which high school mentors teach elementary students about non-violent ways to handle their emotions.
- 8) Washo, age 14, of Oregon, who has led a group of students in greatly improving the quality of life for primates at the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center.
- 9) Leah, age 18, of Florida, who founded smARTies, a non-profit group that uses weekly art classes to teach tolerance to elementary students in Miami's Little Havana neighborhood.
- 10) Shannon, age 17, of Utah, who has tackled the problems of invasive non-native species and poor water quality in the desert near her hometown.

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