



The Gloria
Barron Prize
for
Young Heroes

Barron Prize Announces 2006 National Winners

Boulder, CO, September 26, 2006 – **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 2006 national winners.

The 2006 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 2006 winners are:

- 1) Daniel, age 18, of Arkansas, who directs Cayce's Charities, a non-profit group that has distributed over 80,000 tons of second-hand appliances, furniture, and other necessities – items that would otherwise end up in landfills – to thousands of people living in poverty.
- 2) Talia, age 11, of Iowa, who organized Trick or Treat for the Levee Catastrophe (T.L.C.), a fundraising effort that united thousands of children across the country in raising over five million dollars for victims of Hurricane Katrina.
- 3) Evin and Angela, age 16, of Ohio, who co-founded Save Our Stream to educate others about the threatened native Ohio brook trout.
- 4) Vasanth, age 16, of South Carolina, who volunteers at a school in India and has raised over \$8,000 to greatly improve conditions for the school's 1,200 students.
- 5) Erika and Kayla, age 18, of California, who created the Annual Salmon Run Relay to increase awareness of the plight of the salmon and its importance to the health of the Hupa, Yurok, and Karuk tribes of Northern California.
- 6) Kennedy, age 9, of Pennsylvania, who has raised over \$30,000 for children's heart research and other causes through her Kisses for Kaeden project, in honor of her brother.
- 7) Zander, age 16, of Florida, who created Turtle Talks, an interactive program he has presented to thousands of students in an effort to save endangered loggerhead sea turtles.
- 8) Phebe, age 17, of Vermont, who founded Change the World Kids, a non-profit student group that has raised over \$100,000 to purchase and protect rain forests in Costa Rica.
- 9) Eric, age 18, of New York, who has organized dozens of volunteers to serve as advocates and English teachers for homeless immigrant day laborers on Long Island.
- 10) Smitha, age 15, of Arizona, who leads a group of students committed to water conservation and whose annual walk-a-thons have raised over \$4,000 to fund water purification systems for more than 3,000 children in India.

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



Celebrating today's young heroes

