



## Barron Prize Announces 2007 National Winners

**Boulder, CO, September 5, 2007** – **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 2007 national winners.

The 2007 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 2007 winners are:

- 1) Savannah, age 14, of Florida, who founded Pump 'em Up, a non-profit organization that encourages drivers to conserve gas by properly inflating their tires.
- 2) Darius, age 17, of Georgia, who created a 90-minute documentary film that has greatly raised awareness of and thousands of dollars toward a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, an aggressive disease Darius is fighting.
- 3) Kelydra, age 18, of West Virginia, who has invented a test that removes a potential carcinogen from contaminated drinking water in her hometown along the Ohio River.
- 4) Evan, age 11, of California, who formed the Red Dragon Conservation Team to encourage children to become stewards of nature through the purchase and protection of rainforests and coral reefs.
- 5) Kayla, age 17, of Ontario, who created a music-based teaching system called Sounds into Syllables that helps autistic children communicate and develop social skills.
- 6) Carly and Molly, ages 13 and 15, of Pennsylvania, who founded Hives for Lives, a non-profit organization that sells honey and honey products, and donates all profits to the American Cancer Society – \$22,000 to date.
- 7) Chad, age 18, of North Carolina, who led a campaign of his peers to have Kool Mixx cigarettes – marketed almost exclusively to teens – pulled from shelves nationwide.
- 8) Austin, age 13, of Arizona, who founded Hoops of Hope, an annual basketball shoot-a-thon in which thousands of kids around the world have raised over \$130,000 to help children in Africa orphaned by AIDS.
- 9) Jane, age 17, of Massachusetts, who created A Book for Mom, a program that has provided over 9,000 new books to incarcerated parents to share with their children during prison visits.
- 10) Nick, age 19, of District of Columbia, who developed Stop e-Waste in D.C., a program that has recycled over 40,000 pounds of computers, printers, cell phones, and other electronics.

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



*Celebrating today's young heroes*

