



## **Barron Prize Announces 2004 National Winners**

**Boulder, CO, September 8, 2004** -- **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 2004 national winners.

The 2004 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 his or her higher education or service project. The 2004 winners are:

- 1) Emily, age 18, of Bainbridge Island, Washington, who designed a renewable energy system to replace the gasoline-powered one at a global warming research station in Alaska.
- 2) Ellie, age 17, of Beverly Hills, California, who founded [www.RepeatAfterUs.com](http://www.RepeatAfterUs.com), a web site that provides copyright-free literature along with accompanying audio clips for people learning English as a second language.
- 3) Renee, age 12, of Elyria, Ohio, whose battery recycling initiative has yielded 3,000 pounds of batteries and now serves as the model for her county's battery recycling program.
- 4) Kevin, age 18, of Houston, Texas, who created the Sustainable Development Committee at his high school and has resurfaced the school roof in energy-saving reflective material.
- 5) Micaela, age 17, of West Hartford, Connecticut, who founded Unified Theater, a non-profit group that gives students with disabilities a chance to participate in theater.
- 6) Gina, age 17, of Prince George, British Columbia, who invented a new, highly effective type of road-paving material made largely from recycled plastic bottles.
- 7) Matthew, age 16, of Concord, North Carolina, who created the Woodland and Wildlife Restoration Committee, a non-profit group that has planted over 1,000 trees as part of its mission to address the problem of deforestation
- 8) Laurel, age 17, of Truckee, California, who founded the Truckee Youth Music Program, a non-profit group that provides free musical instruments and after-school music lessons to low-income elementary school children.
- 9) Anna, age 13, of Elizabeth, Colorado, whose non-profit organization, Sight Angels, has provided over 5,000 pair of free eyeglasses to those in need throughout the Denver area.
- 10) Shawn, age 18, of Brooklyn, New York, who created Garden Angels, a non-profit group that has transformed a trash-filled vacant lot into a park and community garden.

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