



The Gloria
Barron Prize
for
Young Heroes

Barron Prize Announces 2008 National Winners

Boulder, CO, September 9, 2008 – **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 2008 national winners.

The 2008 winners of the Barron Prize represent great diversity from all across the country. Winners each receive \$2,500 to be applied to their higher education or to their service project. The 2008 winners are:

- 1) Michael, age 17, of Massachusetts, who created Get the Lead Out of Fishing to educate fishermen about the dangers that lead weights pose to wildlife, and to help them exchange their lead weights for safe alternatives.
- 2) Phoebe, age 15, of Wyoming, who co-founded the Magic Yeti Library in Nepal, first in a series of children's libraries she has planned for the Himalayan region.
- 3) Mollie, age 10, of Virginia, a Girl Scout who started her own blog and letter-writing campaign as a way to help the polar bear, whose habitat is shrinking due to climate change, gain protection on the Endangered Species list.
- 4) Paul, age 15, of California, who founded BUDDY, a peer tutoring program that has helped more than 5,000 low-income students struggling in math and science.
- 5) Forrest, age 16, of Washington, who organized the Pumpkin Project, a gardening initiative in which young students planted, harvested, and sold pumpkins, raising \$2,500 for the local food bank.
- 6) Zoe, age 16, of Vermont, who created Teens Connecting Continents, a student-run organization that has raised over \$15,000 to support education and a comprehensive soccer program for more than 2,500 children in Rwanda.
- 7) Colin, age 11, of Connecticut, who founded the Cool Coventry Club to help his town's residents, businesses, and governmental agencies do their part in reducing global warming.
- 8) William, age 17, of Pennsylvania, who organized the community clean-up of a large-scale illegal dumping site and transformed it into an informative nature trail.
- 9) Suzie, age 14, of North Carolina, who created Suzie's Closet, a medical equipment loan program that has helped nearly 1,000 families whose children have special needs.
- 10) Daniel, age 17, of Minnesota, who founded First-VM, a group that offers computer support in exchange for donations – \$14,000 so far – toward relief for Lebanese refugees.

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



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