

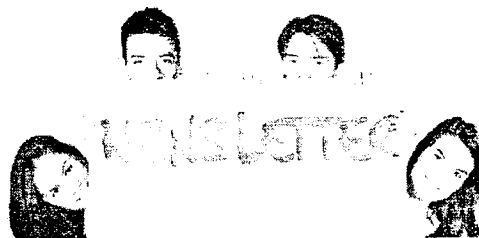
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A not-for-profit dedicated to recognizing and rewarding young people in our community for positive behavior, accomplishments and good deeds!

Dear Friends of Do The Right Thing:

Happy New Year! We have had a very successful 2011-2012 school year to date. Online nominations are pouring in as our new online ONLY submission requirement was launched and promoted. Change is never easy but not only are we saving trees, we also truly believe the process is easier for our nominators once they get the hang of it. For our hard working school personell, we are also trying to do small incentives to encourage your continued support. Monthly drawings for prizes such as \$25 gift cards to Olive Garden and Best Buy have hopefully encouraged you to keep nominating! For further details on these incentives, please go to our website's homepage under Message to Coordinators. The school year is already halfway over and we will soon be gearing up for the Do The Right Thing Summer Salute Awards Banquet in June. Our top 90 student winners and their families will be invited to reunite and celebrate their achievements this school year. Our Schools of the Year will also be announced - the elementary, middle and senior high school which had the most Top 10 winners this year! Thanks, as always, for your support of Do The Right Thing and remember, if you know a child out there who has "done the right thing."

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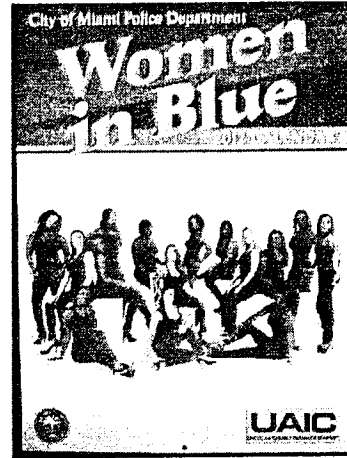
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we want to hear from you! Find us at [www.dotheightthinginc.org](http://www.dotheightthinginc.org) or on our Facebook group page Do The Right Thing of Miami, Inc.



Sincerely,  
Jodi Atkison  
Executive Director  
Do The Right Thing

## 2012 Calendar Fundraiser Huge Success



Female officers from the City of Miami Police Department momentarily put their uniforms aside and donned period outfits from the early 1900's to present day all in the name of charity! Do The Right Thing teamed up with the Miami Police Department's Public Information Office to produce the "Women In Blue" 2012 calendar with all proceeds benefitting DTRT.

The calendar was officially unveiled at the Blue Martini at Mary Brickell Village in October with all of the officer models on hand for autographs. We can't thank them enough for their time and effort on this endeavor.

To date, the fundraiser has netted over \$6,000 for DTRT. Special thanks to the following individuals who made this project possible: Ronald Rahming, Keandra Simmons and Napier Velazquez from the Calendar Organizing Committee as well as Josie Poitier and Willie Moreno for additional assistance in securing sponsors.

### Sergeant Angel Calzadilla/Do The Right Thing Police Memorial Scholarship Applicants Sought

If you know a graduating high school senior interested in a career in law enforcement, please help us spread the word about the Sergeant Angel Calzadilla/Do The Right Thing Police Memorial Scholarship. DTRT will select one worthy candidate to attend the City of Miami Police Department's Police Academy next fall. The scholarship covers full tuition and costs

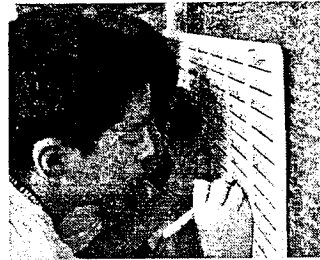
## DTRT Hosts Youth Rally Against Violence



Chief of Police Manuel Orosa leads the "Victory Against Violence" pledge.

### Seven Hundred Students Take A Pledge Against Violence

With violence in schools increasingly making headlines, 5th grade students from eight City of Miami elementary schools pledged to welcome a new school year without violence. On September 30, 2011 approximately 700 students recited a "Victory Against Violence" pledge led by Chief of Police Manuel Orosa during the annual Do The Right Thing "Back Without A Bang!" Youth Rally Against Violence at Jungle Island. Several schools also performed unique presentations against violence by performing skits, songs and dances. The "Back Without A Bang!" Youth Rally



Approximately 700 5th graders signed the "Victory Against Violence" pledge card which was sent to Governor Rick Scott.

Against Violence was created by Do The Right Thing to address the national problem of school violence and encourage a more peaceful environment in our schools. Whether it is by taking the pledge or through song and dance, these students took the right steps towards ensuring this school year went off "without a bang."

## Rhyme Against Crime

Elementary and Middle School Students Use Their Skills on the Mic to Promote Doing the Right Thing!

While most of the rap we hear these days focuses on a life of crime and other negative behavior, elementary and middle school students are proving that rap can have a positive message too. DTRT's annual "Rap It Up!" contest challenged Miami-Dade students from 3rd grade through 8th grade to submit their anti-crime lyrics for a chance to win iPod nanos and other great prizes. Approximately 40 students were invited to the preliminary auditions in front of a panel of judges. Special thanks to our distinguished judges from the Miami Police Department: Sergio Guerrero, Marc Paul, Lynda Roberts, Aileen Rodriguez, Paule Villard and Annette Wilson. From these 40 auditions 11 lucky rappers attended the finals on December 16. Judges included DTRT President

Rona Brandell along with Miami Police Department employees Vilma Diaz-Neda, Paul Gourrier, Jose Rodriguez and Keandra Simmons. Everyone was a winner with First Place Winner Rishard Daniels from North Dade Center for Modern Language, Second Place Winner Jaheim Holmes from Norwood Elementary and Semifinalists Allasia Albert from Parkview Elementary, Samuel Athelus from Gratigny Elementary and Sicilly William-Jones from Lake Stevens Elementary for the elementary division. Winners in the middle school division were First Place Winner Ariel Datis from John F. Kennedy Middle, Second Place Winner Elijah Evans from John F. Kennedy Middle and Semifinalists Kevin Alonso from Pinecrest Cove Prep, George Bullard from John F. Kennedy Middle and Johnanne Fulcher from Lamar Louise Curry Middle. Congratulations to our young rappers!



First place middle school winner Ariel Datis from John F. Kennedy Middle (left photo) and First place elementary school winner Rishard Daniels from North Dade Center for Modern Language (right photo) pose for a picture with "Rap It Up!" judges Paul Gourrier, Jose Rodriguez and Keandra Simmons.

associated with academy admittance not to exceed \$6,000. Applications for graduating seniors will be available after March 1, 2012 through the Do The Right Thing Program. DTRT is pleased to honor the memory of Miami Police Sergeant and DTRT Board Member Angel Calzadilla through this gift. To inquire, call 305-579-3344.

### A New Face at DTRT

That cheerful voice you are greeted with when you call the DTRT office is Ariadna Espinosa who joined the program in August 2011. Ariadna is a native of Miami having graduated from Coral Gables Senior High. She recently obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Florida International University. Ariadna plans to study for her Master's in Psychology but in the meantime, she is thrilled to join DTRT to put her care and compassion for others to work. Says Ariadna, "My mother is a MDCPS counselor who has been nominating students to DTRT for many years. She inspired me to follow in her footsteps to help others." Welcome Ariadna!

## Coordinator Corner

**New information and updates for the 2011-2012 school year!**

DTRT is pleased to offer new trip prizes to our Special Recognition Winners this school year. The elementary Special Recognition Winner will win four tickets to Rapids Water Park in Palm Beach with the Do The Right Thing Program. In the middle or high school category, the lucky student will win a trip to New York City with the program. Good luck!

Congratulations to Connie French from South Pointe Elementary who won a \$100 VISA gift card for entering the DTRT Facebook poster contest. Any school DTRT coordinator who uploaded a photo of the DTRT poster hanging at their school onto our Facebook group page (Do The Right Thing of Miami, Inc.) was eligible to win. Please join our Facebook group if you have not already done so!

Congratulations to Amarilys Gonzalez from Southside Elementary who won a \$25 gift card to the Olive Garden Restaurant in a drawing of those who nominated students during the month of December. There will be a second drawing for a chance to win a \$25 Best Buy gift card for all those who nominate a student for the month of January!



## Do The Right Thing Top 10 Winners

Congratulations to the following winners from the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year:

### MARCH 2011

- Hanna Adams- Coral Reef Elementary
- Osireas Bell-Colonial Drive Elementary
- Yosvany Gonzalez-Charter School at Waterstone
- Rachel Isaac-Colonial Drive Elementary
- Kevin Perez-Kinloch Park Elementary (Universal Studios Trip Winner)
- Meghan Salterini-Charles D. Wyche Elementary
- Raymond Scales-MAST Academy (London Trip Winner)
- Jake Sheeder-Coral Reef Elementary
- Angel Alejandro Torres-Dr. Michael Krop Senior High

### APRIL 2011

## Summer Salute 2011

Do The Right Thing held its annual Summer Salute Awards Banquet on June 16th at The Rusty Pelican Restaurant on Key Biscayne.



Glenn Steinberg, coordinator for Colonial Drive Elementary, received the honor of having his school named DTRT Elementary School of the Year.

Virginia Cisneros -MA Milam K8 Center  
 Jennifer Conizares -Colonial Drive Elementary  
 Azuma Crowe -Southside Elementary  
 Masato Crowe -Southside Elementary  
 Janeiry DeJesus -MA Milam K8 Center  
 Briana Hernandez -Hialeah Gardens Middle  
 Merleen Mertulien-Miami Central Senior High  
 Anthony Rodriguez -Riverside Elementary (Universal Studios Trip Winner)  
 Bryan Rodriguez - Hialeah Gardens Middle  
 Fatima Rollins -Miami Central Senior High (London Trip Winner)

**MAY 2011**

Anne Bastien -Miami Central Senior High  
 Angela Betegon-Bob Graham Education Center  
 Carlos Concepcion -Hialeah Gardens High  
 Jada De Souza -Phyllis Ruth Miller Elementary (Universal Studios Trip Winner)  
 Taylor Davis -Southwood Middle  
 Jordez Fernandez -Bob Graham Education Center  
 Osse Leandre -Dr. Michael Krop Senior High (London Trip Winner)  
 Natalie Munoz -Southside Elementary  
 Ana Perez -Hialeah Gardens Middle  
 Dillon Seereeram -Colonial Drive Elementary

Congratulations to the following winners thus far for the 2011-2012 school year:

**SEPTEMBER 2011**

Mialin Amato -Devonaire K-8 Center  
 Patricia Eidenire -MAST Academy  
 Jonathan Gonzalez -Youth Co-Op Charter School (New York City Trip Winner)  
 Steeve Jerome -Miami Central Senior High  
 Jaleel Johnson -Miami Carol City Senior High  
 Eduardo Maldonado - Hialeah Gardens Middle  
 Dieunica Setoute -MAST Academy  
 Brian Walton - Homestead Middle  
 Tonyah Washington- Colonial Drive Elementary (Rapids Water Park Trip Winner)  
 Melanie Young - Dr. Michael Krop Senior High

**OCTOBER 2011**

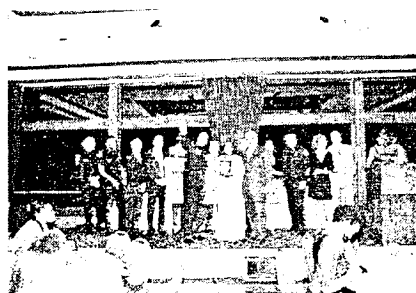
Tracy Adirika-Miami Beach Senior High  
 Anthony Arevalo-Southside Elementary  
 Alex Bruck-MAST Academy  
 Daniel Drummond-Miami Central Senior High  
 Jade Mansoori-Hialeah Gardens Middle  
 Gary Miller-Lorah Park Elementary  
 Carl Prosper-Norland Elementary  
 Enrique Rodriguez-Flamingo Elementary (Rapids Water Park Trip Winner)  
 Ian Sallee-MAST Academy (New York City Trip Winner)  
 Lorenzo Vaguez-Charter School at Waterstone

**NOVEMBER 2011**

Ricardo Echeverria - Coral Reef Elementary  
 Cynthia Garcia - M.A. Milam K-8 Center  
 Angie Gonzalez - MAST Academy  
 Melissa Gonzalez - American Senior High (New York City Trip Winner)  
 Melissa Gutierrez - M.A. Milam K-8 Center  
 Courtney Johnson - Miami Carol City Senior High  
 Alex Marquez - Henry M. Flagler Elementary  
 Matthew Moulton - Colonial Drive Elementary (Rapids Water Park Trip Winner)  
 Michelle Perez - Hialeah Gardens Middle  
 Patricia Vega - Hialeah Gardens Middle



Principal Maritza Jimenez, coordinator for Hialeah Gardens Middle, graciously received the title of DTRT Middle School of the Year.



Stephanie Pitts, coordinator for Miami Central Senior High, is proud to have her school named the DTRT High School of the Year.

**PHOTO GALLERY**



The middle-high school DTRT Special Recognition Winners, along with DTRT Executive Director Jodi Atkison and Miami Police Commander Jose Rodriguez, attempt to take cover from the rain in front of the Prime Minister's House in London. The group was allowed special access thanks to the London Metropolitan Police Department.

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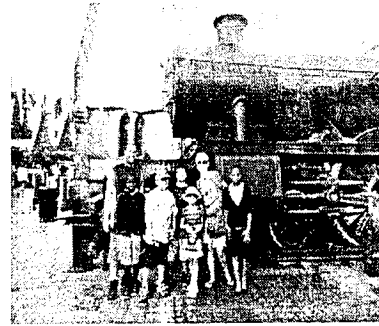
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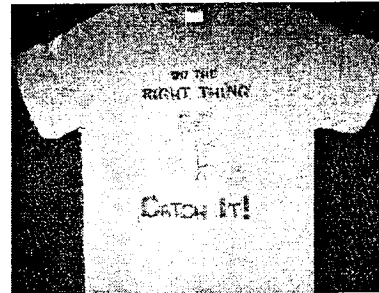
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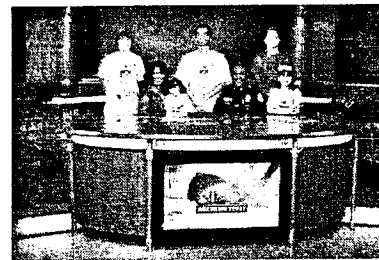
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The elementary DTRT Special Recognition Winners, along with DTRT Executive Director Jodi Atkison and Miami Police Crime Prevention Specialist Sergio Guerrero, hop aboard the Hogwarts Express at the Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Islands of Adventure in Orlando.



DTRT welcomes the 2011/2012 school year with style! The new DTRT tee-shirt features a doodle by Miami Dolphins' own Nolan Carroll. GO FINS!



Spread the news! These students put on their brightest smiles for the camera during the 2011/2012 DTRT calendar photo shoot at NBC 6 with Trina Robinson and Major Delrish Moss. Pictured left to right are DTRT winners Jake Sheeder, Jada De Souza, Raymond Scales, III, Michelle Garcia and Kathayza Rodriguez. Special thanks to Rene Pimental Photography for a great picture!



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