

January 2015 Do the Right Thing winners honored



The Punta Gorda Police Department recognized five Charlotte County students on Thursday, January 8, 2015, for doing the right thing. The students from Charlotte High school, Port Charlotte Middle and Sallie Jones Elementary schools were recognized for their good deeds

Marthlene Agenord, and Elizabeth Pine, eighth grade students from Port Charlotte Middle School are the first two winners

These two young ladies displayed the fact that they are brave and productive young citizens and an asset to their community. The nomination form states that one morning while walking to school, Marthlene and Elizabeth saw a lady lying on the ground near her porch. They called 911 right away. The girls were asked to check the victim's breathing, and given some other directives which they followed through with. Both girls were really brave to do this, and stayed until the police came. They answered all of their questions honestly, and with great confidence. These girls went above and beyond what most people would have done and had a lot of courage during this unusually scary situation.

Marthlene and Elizabeth, we are very proud of your quick thinking reaction to this emergency. I certainly would want you near me if I were ever in need of help. Congratulations on your ability to handle this emergency with the efficiency you displayed.

Marthlene loves to text her friends and be on the internet, Her mother said that she asks a lot of good questions. She gets all A's in school and likes the medical field. Who knows, someday it may be Doctor Marthlene!

Elizabeth is a member of the school's Respect our School program and loves shooting, fishing, swimming and soccer. She told her family "I love the world and want to see people with smiles on their faces" What a nice feeling.

Our next winner for this month is Travis Shipman, an eleventh grader at Charlotte High School.

On November 6 around 8am, Travis found a credit card in Charlotte High School's parking lot and made the decision to turn it into Mrs. Corsaletti, the Principal of Charlotte High. Mrs. Corsaletti said that it's rewarding to see one of my former students from the Punta Gorda Middle School move on to high school, mature into a young adult and make the decision to "Do the Right Thing."

The credit card Travis found was a card which would accept several different authorization signatures and one he could of easily used to purchase items for himself if he so desired.

Travis, honesty is a characteristic we strongly believe in. Thank you for displaying this characteristic.

Travis loves video games, motor cross and BMX activities as well as mechanics. He also loves to hunt and play paintball.

Our next young recipient comes to us from the Sallie Jones Elementary School where he is in the third grade his name is Isaac Schaffer.

On Thanksgiving Day, 2014, Isaac's whole family gathered at a relatives house to celebrate the holiday. They have a big family so there was a lot of activity. Travis's grandmother wrote that her 13 month old granddaughter wandered off unnoticed. She fell into the swimming pool and my 9 year old grandson, Isaac, saw it happen. He immediately alerted the adults and then jumped into the ice cold pool and pulled his cousin out. He saved her life. If not for his heroic act, we would have lost our precious grandbaby. He is a loving, caring child who showed us that day how truly brave and responsible he is. He is a hero and I feel he should be recognized for what he did.

Isaac, what a brave and courageous thing you did. Thank you for thinking of others before your own safety. We are very proud of your actions. Congratulations.

In his spare time, Isaac loves to be involved in wrestling and to play football. He also loves anything outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. He gets straight A's in school and is active in his church.

Our last recipient for the month of January is also from Charlotte High School. Please help me welcome Memori Middlebrooks, a ninth grader and the daughter of Angie Price.

Memori found an unendorsed check for a large sum of money. On the basis that the check was not made out to anyone, she could have added her name to the check and cashed it. Instead, she turned it in so it could be returned to the rightful owner.

Memori, as we have said in the past, honesty is one of the characteristics we treasure the most. Thank you for being an honest young lady.

Memori is very involved in her youth group at Church and loves music and reading. She gets good grades in school and is an overall great person.

We always like to hear about all of the wonderful things our youth are doing in our communities. If you know of a youth in Charlotte County doing good deeds please nominate them for a Do the Right Thing award at www.puntagordapolice.com or call the Executive Director of Do the Right Thing of Charlotte County, Corporal Tony Pribble at 941-639-4111.

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