

# Do the Right Thing Program



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Police are frequently exposed to the hardest sides of human behavior, yet they also have opportunities to highlight acts of integrity and kindness and while officers regularly witness the darker sides of society, they are also uniquely positioned to celebrate individuals who step up and do the right thing.

The "Do the Right Thing" program in North Port, Florida, honors children who exemplify good behavior and positive contributions to the community. The program is a collaboration between the North Port Police Department, Kiwanis Club and the Sarasota County School Board Police Department.

The Do The Right Thing Program began in 1990 after a powerful moment at a Miami Police Department awards ceremony, where a teenager was honored for turning in a loaded gun found at his school. Witnessing the impact that positive recognition had on the young person, community volunteers partnered with law enforcement to create an ongoing program focused on celebrating good behavior. Founded by Terri Ketover, the program has since grown into a nationwide nonprofit dedicated to recognizing youth who demonstrate integrity, kindness and leadership, reinforcing that doing the right thing truly matters and deserves to be celebrated.

Each quarter, a child in our City is recognized for their outstanding efforts, such as assisting with threats, helping suicidal students and serving on safety patrols.

Community members are encouraged to nominate deserving youth through a formal nomination process, and the program aims to promote good behavior and recognize children who set a positive example in the community.

## HERE ARE SOME OF THE NOMINATION CATEGORIES:

- **Honesty, kindness, compassion, integrity, bravery**
- **Reporting social media threats, weapons, etc.**
- **Stopping/preventing bullying**
- **Deescalating fights/conflict resolution**
- **Preventing suicide/promoting mental health**
- **Life-saving actions/aiding in medical crises**
- **Academic achievement, behavioral improvement, growth, turnaround stories**
- **Community service/assisting the community**
- **Persevering through hardship/overcoming obstacles**



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In policing, we are often called into moments of crisis and hardship, where we see people at their most vulnerable. But just as important are the moments when we get to recognize the good, such as the kindness, courage and integrity that exist in our community, especially among our young people.

The 'Do the Right Thing' program allows us to shine a light on children who go above and beyond to help others, make responsible choices and lead by example. These young individuals remind us that the future of North Port is bright and that positive actions (no matter how small) can make a powerful difference.

We are proud to partner with the Kiwanis Club and the Sarasota County School Board Police Department to celebrate these outstanding youth and encourage a culture of compassion, responsibility and community pride.”

- Chief Todd Garrison



# Corporal Eric St. Jean

We are honored to welcome Corporal Eric St. Jean as the guest speaker for this year's Do The Right Thing ceremony, where we celebrate the outstanding young people in our community who lead by example.

Corporal St. Jean was selected by his peers as the North Port Police Department's 2023 Grand Cordon (Officer of the Year), an honor that reflects not only his exceptional investigative work, but his character, leadership and commitment to service. Recognized for his tireless work ethic on major cases, his support of fellow officers, and his willingness to step up whenever needed, he exemplifies professionalism and integrity in every aspect of his role.

Beyond his investigative achievements (including leading complex cases and pursuing advanced homicide investigation training) Corporal St. Jean is deeply committed to community engagement. Whether participating in Shop with a Cop, Coffee with a Cop, or assisting patrol on call-outs, he consistently demonstrates that policing is not just about enforcement, but about relationships and trust.

His dedication, loyalty, and natural leadership make him a powerful role model for the young people being recognized at this ceremony. Corporal St. Jean's career is a testament to what it truly means to "do the right thing", even when no one is watching.



Corporal Eric St. Jean



# Celebrating those who do the Right Thing

Every day, young people across our community make choices that reflect kindness, courage, honesty and leadership. While these actions often happen quietly, their impact is powerful, strengthening schools, uplifting peers and building a safer, more compassionate community for all.

The Do the Right Thing Program was created to shine a light on these moments and honor students who go above and beyond to help others, stand up for what is right and lead by example. The following award recipients represent the very best of our community's youth. Their stories remind us that positive choices matter, and that each act of integrity, big or small, helps shape a brighter future.

*We are proud to recognize and celebrate these outstanding students.*



## AUGUST 2025 - MAY 2026 AWARD RECIPIENTS

### 1. Abigail Alcolea, 13YOA, Woodland Middle

Abigail consistently distinguishes herself through exemplary behavior and a positive attitude. She is always polite and respectful to both peers and adults and goes out of her way to be a supportive and caring friend. Abigail genuinely looks out for others and leads by example in how to treat people. She is a true positive role model who clearly embodies what it means to do the right thing.

### 2. Adrian Allison, 11YOA, Woodland Middle

Adrian consistently follows Woodland Middle School's expectations of being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe. He also lives by Officer Singer's motto, "See Something, Say Something." Adrian maintains a positive attitude each and every day and truly embodies what it means to do the right thing.

### 3. Isaac Arroyo, 9YOA, Atwater Elementary

During recess, several students attempted to take another student's journal and read it aloud. Isaac stepped in, protected the journal and returned it to its owner. His actions demonstrated courage, empathy and a commitment to standing up for others.

### 4. Elyzza Balgos, 9YOA, Cranberry Elementary

Elyzza is a responsible student who takes great care with her work and materials. She consistently chooses to do what is right, even when no one is watching. Elyzza is respectful to both staff and her peers, making her a positive role model in her classroom.

### 5. Louis Beebe, 10YOA, Glenallen Elementary

Louis demonstrated the true meaning of "See Something, Say Something" when he reported a situation he witnessed on the bus involving a non-verbal kindergarten student being mistreated. After attempting to intervene himself, he ensured the student was safe and sought help from school staff. His courage and willingness to stand up for a peer showed outstanding character.

### 6. Knox Brown, 11YOA, Glenallen Elementary

Knox is always so caring and ready to help his peers. He is always trying to be a leader and help his fellow students in his class and at Glenallen. He takes his role as Safety Patrol to heart.

**7. Gabriel Cabezes, 11YOA, Glenallen Elementary**

Gabriel is a member of the Glenallen Safety Patrol. He is always polite, respectful, and helpful to his peers. He is always watching out for the safety of students at Glenallen and he always does the right thing.

**8. Ivan Chornenkyi, 11YOA, College Preparatory Academy at Wellen Park**

Ivan is a student of integrity who exemplifies our school's values of having a "Strong Mind and a Good Heart." He is respected by his peers and known for being fair, honest, kind, and helpful. Ivan consistently looks for opportunities to support others in the classroom and serves as a hardworking, exemplary role model for his classmates.

**9. Michael Cinicollo, 10YOA, Lamarque Elementary**

Michael continues to show meaningful growth in both his behavior and attitude. Most recently, he was observed unprompted cheering on and encouraging younger students simply because he saw the joy it brought them. He is becoming a positive role model and I am incredibly proud of his progress.

**10. Brent Clifton, 8YOA, Atwater Elementary**

Brent stepped in when another student was being bullied at lunch. Brent saw one of our exceptional students having difficulties at lunch with a peer. The peer had taken this student's lunch and would not give it back. Brent quickly recognized this was wrong and took the lunch from the peer and gave it back to this exceptional student. Brent stood up for those students who struggle socially and did the right thing.

**11. Scott Cranford, 10YOA, Glenallen Elementary**

Scott goes above and beyond to make sure that other students feel included and important. He often thinks about inviting other students to play with him if he notices that they are hanging out alone. In class, he is thoughtful and loves to help when his classmates are struggling with a concept. He is respectful and a great role model to other students.

**12. Ava Corbett, 11YOA, Glenallen Elementary**

Ava consistently demonstrates kindness, respect, and integrity in her daily actions at school. As a Safety Patrol member, she takes her responsibilities seriously and helps hold others accountable for their actions. She makes responsible choices, perseveres through challenges and willingly helps others without being asked. Ava's character truly reflects the values this award recognizes.

**13. William Coudray, 10YOA, College Preparatory Academy at Wellen Park**

William is a respectful and hardworking student who consistently demonstrates honesty and integrity. He treats others kindly, follows expectations, and can always be trusted to do the right thing. His positive attitude and strong character make him an excellent role model for his peers.

**14. Ronaldo Crowder, 10YOA, Lamarque Elementary**

Ronaldo has had to witness various difficult situations lately. He deserves this award because he has learned to control his emotions and find a positive way to face obstacles. Whereas Ronaldo used to get negative attention, he now knows how to ask for a break when he is feeling frustrated and to talk about frustrating situations with a trusted adult. He is loved by his teacher and is one of the most popular students on campus now. We are so pleased with his progress!

**15. Dwayne Cruz-Reina, 10YOA, Atwater Elementary**

Every day, Dwayne shows kindness and sets an example for his peers. Dwayne goes out of this way to help his peers and his teachers. Dwayne works hard, learning in class, turning in assignments and helping peers when they need help.

**16. Ryan Crouse, 11YOA, Toledo Blade Elementary**

Ryan was nominated and voted in as Toledo Blade's Student Council Vice President. He is kind, considerate, and a role model for other students. Ryan takes responsibility head-on and looks for ways to improve our school community. He is respectful to adults and peers alike. There isn't a task that Ryan is not willing to put forth the greatest effort. As our Student Council Vice President, he has demonstrated that he is a true leader. Ryan truly deserves to be recognized for the Do the Right Thing Award.

**17. Lila Davidson, 9YOA, Cranberry Elementary**

Lila is a respectful and responsible student who consistently treats others with kindness. She stays on task, produces excellent work, and pays close attention in class. Lila shows leadership by making positive choices and setting a strong example for her peers.

**18. Jacob Dempsey, 10YOA, Cranberry Elementary**

Jacob is a respectful and responsible student who treats others with kindness and stays focused on his work. He consistently completes excellent work and can be trusted with important responsibilities, such as ensuring classroom laptops are properly put away and charging. His attentiveness in class has helped him become a straight-A student and a strong leader among his peers.

**19. Leonardo Dipietro, 11YOA, Glenallen Elementary**

Leonardo brings students together for small group meetings if they are struggling with making good choices. He talks to them about better choices they can make, and it calms the students down to know they have a group to belong to.

**20. Marharyta Dudka, 10YOA, Cranberry Elementary**

On their walk home from school, Pavlo and Marharyta noticed a trash can that had been knocked over with debris scattered around a nearby home. Without being asked, they stopped and picked up the trash before continuing home. Their thoughtfulness and community pride are commendable.

**21. Pavlo Dudka, 6YOA, Cranberry Elementary**

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**22. Radames Duron, 7YOA, Atwater Elementary**

Radames assists a peer at the clinic daily. He is responsible and trustworthy. Radames demonstrates Atwater's HEART expectations every day.

**23. Charlotte Eisenhauer, 14YOA, Imagine School**

Sage and Charlotte practiced trustworthiness and respect through honesty. Sage and Charlotte found \$30.00 at lunch and turned it into a teacher, rather than keeping it. Because the right decision was made and a student got his lost money back. Charlotte and Sage should be recognized beyond a school setting.

**24. Alexander Feureisen, 10YOA, Atwater Elementary**

Alex found a substantial amount of money on the cafeteria floor and did the right thing by turning it in to an adult to help find the rightful owner. He demonstrated his school's HEART motto by being trustworthy.

**25. Ethan Fleming, 16YOA, North Port HS**

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also give back to their community in meaningful and impactful ways. They consistently volunteer at department events, including Shop with a Cop and National Night Out, playing a key role in community engagement and public service. Their dedication, service, and positive influence make the North Port Police Explorers a shining example of young people doing the right thing - for the right reasons.

**26. Angel Garcia-Hernandez, 10YOA, Lamarque Elementary**

On September 25, 2025, Angel's bus arrived late on campus, and he did not have much time to get his breakfast and make it to class. Upon entering the cafeteria, Angel noticed a crying kindergartner, standing all by himself, in front of the bathrooms. He was holding his tray, which was about to fall on the ground. Angel then showed great compassion by putting his priorities aside, putting his arm around the little one and comforting him until a staff member arrived. His actions are a reflection of his parents' upbringing and the values taught at the Lamarque Elementary School.

**27. Yallo Garcia, 10YOA, Cranberry Elementary**

Yallo is kind, helpful, and always ready to learn. He approaches each day with curiosity and enthusiasm, and he can be trusted to make the right choices - even when they are not the easiest ones. Yallo is a wonderful role model for his peers.

**28. Annabelle Gould, 10YOA, Atwater Elementary**

Annabelle consistently goes above and beyond in our classroom. She is a friend to everyone and is always willing to help others who need it. Annabelle embodies our HEART expectations of hardworking, empathetic, active learner, respectful and trustworthy. She shows kindness to others and does the right thing even when no one is watching. We are so proud of her!

**29. Oliver Gutierrez, 8YOA, Atwater Elementary**

Oliver is kind and respectful to everyone. He can always be counted on to do the right thing. He listens, follows directions and is very polite. He takes the initiative to help without being asked.

**30. Landon Haynes, 17YOA, Homeschooled**

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**32. Ashima Husbyn, 10YOA, Toledo Blade Elementary**

Ash is an excellent choice for the Do the Right Thing Award because she consistently shows leadership and integrity. She models positive behavior, especially in tough situations, demonstrating maturity and respect. Ash follows rules and uses sound judgment when guidelines are unclear. She kindly encourages others to do the right thing, never putting them down. Ash truly sets a positive example for everyone.

**33. Zahmir Jackson, 17YOA, Imagine School - Upper Campus**

It was refreshing to see such a thoughtful act of kindness, especially from one of our youth. When a 7th grade student was unable to purchase a required ID badge, Zahmir stepped up and paid for it so the student could return to class. The two students are not friends or relatives, making his selfless gesture even more meaningful.

**34. Damon Jones, 13YOA, Woodland Middle**

Damon consistently distinguishes himself through exemplary behavior, strong character, and genuine leadership. He is a positive role model, both in the classroom and throughout the school campus. Damon demonstrates kindness, respect, and empathy towards his classmates at all times. He works hard, actively participates in lessons and is strongly committed to his

education. His actions reflect integrity, accountability and maturity well beyond his years.

**35. Olivia Joyce, 15YOA, North Port HS**

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**36. Darius Kostenko, 10YOA, Atwater Elementary**

Darius found another student's Apple watch on the playground and immediately turned it in. The student and their parents were extremely grateful for his honesty and his decision to do the right thing.

**37. Felipe Marcal, 14YOA, Woodland Middle**

Felipe became aware of a situation involving inappropriate conduct toward a female student. He supported her by escorting her to a school administrator to ensure the incident was properly reported so appropriate action could be taken. His willingness to stand beside a peer and help her speak up reflects strong character and integrity.

**38. Sasquaire Marcellus, 13YOA, Woodland Middle**

Sasquaire consistently demonstrates extraordinary kindness and patience toward others. She is always willing to lend a helping hand or offer a positive word of encouragement. A hardworking student, she brings warmth, positivity and sunshine into the classroom each day.

**39. Anaiah Madison, 7YOA, Glenallen Elementary**

Anaiah shows exceptional compassion and kindness to everyone in her class. When a new student joined from out of state, Anaiah took the initiative—without being asked—to welcome her and gently guide her through classroom routines and expectations. Her calm, caring approach helped the new student feel comfortable and included right away. Anaiah consistently goes above and beyond to support others and is truly a bright light in her classroom and school.

**40. Elijah Meyers, 9YOA, Lamarque Elementary**

Elijah Meyers demonstrated an outstanding act of kindness and empathy when he noticed that another student did not have a costume for a school event and was feeling left out. Without hesitation, Meyers offered his own costume and allowed the student to use it for the event. His selfless decision to help a classmate in need shows great character, compassion and a genuine desire to make others feel included. His generosity and thoughtfulness make him a wonderful example of what it means to do the right thing.

**41. Lilly Monaghan, 10YOA, Cranberry Elementary**

Lilly works hard each day and consistently shows kindness and a willingness to help others. She is honest, responsible and respectful to everyone around her. Lilly can always be counted on to lend a helping hand and set a positive example for her classmates.

**42. Aliyah Morales, 14YOA, Heron Creek Middle**

Aliyah is being recognized for her extraordinary commitment to serving others. For the past three years she has dedicated her mornings before school to helping students at Glenallen Elementary. From 7:45 - 8:50 a.m. every day, before her school day starts, Aliyah carefully packs bags of food and healthy snacks provided by All Faiths Food Bank and delivers them to classrooms, helping ensure students have the nutrition they need to succeed. Her consistency, initiative and caring spirit have made her a reliable and uplifting presence for both students and staff. Aliyah's long-term dedication to her community truly embodies the spirit of doing the right thing.

**43. Grace Noland, 10YOA, Toledo Blade Elementary**

Grace was nominated and voted in as Toledo Blade's Student Council President. She is a true role model and leader. Grace is always respectful and responsible. She takes on any task with a positive attitude and smile. Grace is always willing to help others. In her role as Student Council President, she has shown that she can take on leadership tasks to completion. We know we can always count on Grace to Do the Right Thing. She is well-deserving of this award.

**44. Soren Normand, 10YOA, Cranberry Elementary**

Soren is a responsible and respectful student who consistently stays on task and completes his schoolwork with care. He listens attentively in class and treats others with kindness. Soren leads by example and makes positive choices each day.

**45. Alexis "Lexi" Palcic, 16YOA, Imagine Upper Campus**

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**46. Keani Parker, 10YOA, Toledo Blade Elementary**

Keani has distinguished herself as both a dedicated learner and a role model. Through perseverance and determination, she has achieved academic growth while also emerging as a positive leader among her peers. Keani is consistently kind, respectful and honest in her interactions with others. She embodies integrity—always choosing to "do the right thing," even when no one is watching—and she is never afraid to stand up for her values. As a trusted Safety Patrol Officer, Keani demonstrates responsibility and reliability every day. Both staff and students know they can depend on her to uphold school rules, ensure the safety of all students, and report concerns with maturity and fairness. For these reasons, and countless more, Keani exemplifies the spirit of the Do the Right Thing Award and is truly deserving of this recognition.

**47. Raegan Parker, 9YOA, College Preparatory Academy at Wellen Park**

Raegan is a respectful and hardworking student who consistently demonstrates honesty and integrity. She treats others with kindness, follows expectations and can always be trusted to do the right thing. Her positive attitude and strong character make her an outstanding role model for her classmates.

**48. Savannah Pepi, 9YOA, Atwater Elementary**

Savannah is a fun, energetic kid. She is a friend to all and is always willing to go above and beyond for her friends and teachers. Savannah works hard and perseveres through challenges. She always does the right thing, even when no one is watching.

**49. Jane Quintana, 6YOA, Lamarque Elementary**

When a classmate began choking, Jane quickly stepped in to help by patting her back. Realizing the situation required more assistance, she immediately alerted her teacher, ensuring the student received help right away. Jane's quick thinking and caring actions, especially at just 6 years old, made a critical difference and truly exemplify doing the right thing.

**50. Jaden Quintanilha, 11YOA, Imagine School**

Jaden consistently shows kindness, responsibility and respect for others both in and out of the classroom. Whether it's helping a classmate who is struggling, setting a good example by following the rules, or going out of his way to make others feel included. So far this year, he has been a buddy to a little Kindergarten boy who struggles in the mornings to get to class. Jaden always demonstrates strong character. His positive attitude and actions make him a role model among his peers. He truly represents what it means to Do the Right Thing.

**51. Maxi Ramos Perez, 12YOA, Woodland Middle**

Maxi is a kindhearted, honest and hardworking student. He can always be counted on to offer encouraging words to those around him. Maxi serves as a strong, positive role model and is always willing to lend a helping hand whenever needed.

**52. Harper Regan, 8YOA, Glenallen Elementary**

Harper comes to school each day with a warm smile, a love of learning and a heart full of kindness. She consistently lifts up those around her with encouraging words and a positive attitude. Harper shows genuine gratitude and appreciation for her friends, family, teachers and classmates, making her a joyful presence on campus and a wonderful example of someone who truly "Does the Right Thing" every day.

**53. Steven Rizzo, 13YOA, Woodland Middle**

Steven consistently demonstrates strong character, leadership and personal responsibility. He has a clear sense of right and wrong. He confidently advocates for positive behavior. As an active member and Vice President of the National Junior Honor Society, Steven models the qualities of scholarship, service, leadership and citizenship. His involvement reflects his dedication to improving himself, supporting others and contributing to a positive school culture.

**54. Maya Solley, 17YOA, Florida Virtual High School**

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**55. Chase Sill, 11YOA, Toledo Blade Elementary**

Chase is wonderful child to have in class. Not only is he a hard worker, but he is extremely respectful and responsible. He always tries his best and never gives up. Chase has been excelling all school year and always wants more opportunities to challenge himself. He stays away from trouble and never gets involved in any issues in or out of school. Outside of school, he is a responsible older brother and helps his younger brothers. Chase is the exemplary student and citizen.

**56. Kaitlyn Speeney, 11YOA, Woodland Middle**

Kaitlyn is a positive role model in the classroom. She consistently puts forth strong effort in her work, treats her classmates with kindness and maintains a positive attitude each and every day.

**57. Brenna Springle, 14YOA, Woodland Middle**

Brenna consistently strives to do her best and follows the rules on a daily basis. She serves as a classroom leader by encouraging her peers to demonstrate appropriate behavior. Her leadership and commitment to doing what is right positively influence those around her.

**58. Nevaeh Strickland, 14YOA, North Port High**

Nevaeh and Adrianna were walking in the breezeway when they overheard a boy barking at a student and her service dog. The dog was distracted and became scared. Nevaeh and Adrianna stood up for the student and her service dog by telling the boy he was being mean and inappropriate. The student advised she felt happy they stuck up for her. The girls reported it to administration, where the issue was addressed.

**59. Jackson Shanahan, 14YOA, Heron Creek Middle**

On February 4, 2026, Jackson was walking to class when he saw two students involved in a verbal argument that turned physical. Without hesitation, he stepped in and separated them, preventing the situation from escalating further. Afterward, Jackson continued to help calm those involved until the situation was under control. His quick thinking and willingness to act made a positive difference and helped prevent a more serious incident.

**60. Legend Templeton, 8YOA, Atwater Elementary**

I feel that Legend should be nominated because he did the right thing in turning in a pair of AirPods he had found on the bus. When he got on his school bus one morning, he noticed that someone had left behind the AirPods. Although one was missing, as soon as he got into the class that morning, he turned them in so they could be returned to the owner. I was so proud of Legend for what he had done.

**61. Dorissa Telisnord, 9YOA, Cranberry Elementary**

Dorissa is a respectful and responsible student who consistently completes her work and treats others with kindness. She has a love for reading and often finishes chapter books in just a few days. Dorissa leads by example and makes her classroom a better place.

**62. Julio "JC" Valencia, 17YOA, North Port HS**

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**64. Sloane Winter, 7YOA, Atwater Elementary**

I nominate Sloane Winter for always choosing honesty, kindness and responsibility. She consistently makes good choices, treats others with respect and leads by example. Sloane shows every day what it means to do the right thing, and she truly deserves this recognition. Her positive attitude inspires others and makes our school community a better place.

**65. A'Leila Witcher, 10YOA, Lamarque Elementary**

While at school, a fellow student disclosed information to A'Leila Witcher. Witcher did the difficult, but right thing and told a teacher. Since Witcher provided this information, it not only helped to keep the other students safe, but also helped to keep the students on multiple campuses safe. These actions are significant and commendable. The actions of A'Leila Witcher are the perfect example of doing the RIGHT thing.

**66. Colt Woodworth, 6YOA, Glenallen Elementary**

Colt always follows the "Panther pride traits" and completes his work to the best of his abilities. Colt is respectful to both his classmates and teacher. He always offers to help, when needed. Colt is respectful, completes his assignments to the best of his ability and never gives up, no matter how hard. He always offers to help his classmates and teacher. I would love to nominate Colt and recognize him for all his amazing work this school year.

**67. Emiko Yamashita, 6YOA, College Preparatory Academy at Wellen Park**

Emiko goes above and beyond daily, proving she is a positive role model. Emiko always follows expectations and holds others accountable. She helps me and her classmates daily, always wanting to help others, however she can. She participates, shows kindness, leads others and is an incredible member of our community!

**68. Olivia Whye, 14YOA, Woodland Middle**

Olivia is consistently kind and considerate to everyone she encounters and treats both peers and adults with respect. She works hard every day and regularly goes above and beyond in all she does. Olivia sets an excellent example of dedication, positivity and integrity for those around her.

# About the sponsors

## North Port Police Department

The North Port Police Department (NPPD) is dedicated to serving and protecting those who live, work and visit the City of North Port. Committed to excellence in public safety and community service, the department works in close partnership with residents, local organizations and public agencies to maintain a safe and welcoming community.

Guided by a vision of quality service and professional leadership, the department embraces a multi-philosophical policing approach focused on collaboration, accountability and continuous improvement. Every member of the organization is held to high ethical standards and is committed to treating all individuals with dignity, respect and fairness. The department values diversity, transparency and community trust as essential components of effective policing.

Recognizing that strong public safety is the foundation of a thriving community, the North Port Police Department actively engages residents in crime prevention, education and neighborhood partnerships to improve quality of life for all.

## NPPD Mission

The mission of the North Port Police Department is to provide the highest level of law enforcement and crime prevention by:

- Protecting life and property
- Preserving peace and public order
- Preventing, reducing, and deterring crime and fear of crime
- Enforcing laws fairly and impartially
- Protecting individual rights
- Ensuring a safe and secure environment for all residents and visitors



# About the sponsors

## Kiwanis Club of North Port

Children thrive when caring adults invest in their success. That belief is at the heart of Kiwanis. Kiwanis clubs are local groups of dedicated volunteers (friends, neighbors and community members) who unite around a shared mission to improve the lives of children. Members are part of a global network that partners with like-minded organizations to serve youth in communities around the world, including right here in North Port.

When Kiwanis members serve, they focus on key causes that create lasting impact: health and nutrition, education and literacy and youth leadership development. Through these efforts, they help support children from infancy through early adulthood, strengthening families and communities along the way.



Since 1972, the Kiwanis Club of North Port has proudly served the children and families of the North Port community. Though modest in size, the club remains highly active and deeply committed to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

The well-being of children remains at the forefront of the club's mission. Through meaningful programs, partnerships and service initiatives, members strive to be a catalyst for positive change; helping young people reach their full potential and strengthening the community for generations to come.

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## KIWANIS BY THE NUMBERS GLOBALLY



**\$1,126,270**

Grants received by the Kiwanis Children's Fund in 2024



**7.1 Million**

Service hours performed annually



**448,509**

Kiwanis family members worldwide



**98**

Children reached on average by each Kiwanian

# About the sponsors

## Sarasota County School Board Police Department



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The Sarasota County School Board Police Department is dedicated to providing a safe, secure and supportive learning environment for students, staff and visitors across Sarasota County schools. The department serves as a specialized law enforcement agency focused exclusively on school safety, student well-being and proactive community engagement.

Staffed by a highly trained team of sworn police officers, School Resource Officers (SROs), campus safety monitors, and safety personnel, the department operates around the clock (24 hours a day, 365 days a year) to ensure campuses remain safe and prepared. Officers work closely with local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, emergency medical services, and school administrators to coordinate rapid response, crisis prevention and ongoing safety planning.

Beyond security, the department plays a vital role in building positive relationships within school communities. School Resource Officers serve not only as protectors, but also as mentors, role models and trusted adults for students. Through daily interaction, education and outreach, officers help foster trust, encourage responsible decision-making and support programs that promote positive behavior and student success.

The Sarasota County School Board Police Department emphasizes prevention, preparedness and partnership, combining law enforcement expertise with compassionate engagement to create environments where students feel safe, respected and empowered to learn. Their presence reflects a strong commitment to both physical safety and the overall well-being of the community.



# Upcoming events



Breakfast with  
Santa -  
Kids eat for free



Bunny  
Breakfast -  
Kids eat for free

Annual Kiwanis  
Day Before Father's  
Day Fishing  
Tournament at  
McKibben Park



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