

AFF GA Greater Atlanta Chapter: 2015 Teen Volunteers of the Year

Over 1,000 Atlantans celebrated philanthropy and its role in our community at the 2015 National Philanthropy Day (NPD) Luncheon on **Tuesday, November 3, 2015** at the **Georgia Aquarium**. Congratulations to the 2015 Teen Volunteer of the Year Award Recipients, and a big thanks to the many organizations and individuals who joined the chapter in celebrating Atlanta's tradition of giving.



The Greater Atlanta AFP Teen Volunteers of the Year Award was created to recognize young people doing exceptional service in the community and to encourage more students to become active in their local communities. A total of three award recipients are selected each year from a large pool of highly qualified applicants. To highlight the importance of giving back to the community, each award recipient is given a cash prize. A donation in their names will also be made to the charitable organization of their choice.

2015 Teen Volunteer Award Recipients:

1st Place - Meredith Jones' passion is to help victims of human trafficking. During the summer of 2014 as a rising senior at Holy Spirit Catholic School, she worked towards earning the Gold Award, the highest possible achievement with the Girl Scouts. Her project helped the victims of human trafficking in the City of Atlanta by providing a kit that included pre-paid phone and MARTA cards, a reference booklet with organizations that help victims of trafficking, and an inspirational book. Meredith secured funding for the kits through the McKenna, Long and Aldridge Foundation, her church, and her family. Her project resulted in the production of 88 kits, which were delivered to 20 fire stations in the City of Atlanta that provide a safe haven for victims. Through her outreach and speaking engagements, hundreds of individuals were educated on the issue of human trafficking. Meredith entered Harvard University this fall and is considering majoring in Chemistry or Classics.

2nd Place - Xavier & Edward Holliday are Eagle Scouts and co-founders of the non-profit Brothers 4 Literacy & Life. They have worked to build global relationships by helping children across the world. Born out of their desire to honor their late Great Grandmother, the brothers supported their first school in rural Manchester, Jamaica by collecting and donating five laptop computers, over 1,000 pounds of books, and a combined 850 pounds of clothes, shoes, and school supplies to the children of Robins Hall school. The students now have a library of their own and understand the importance of reading. Edward & Xavier are now raising money to put a block wall around the school for the safety of the children as well as to install a garden. The brothers attend The Westminster Schools; Edward is a junior and Xavier is a sophomore.

3rd Place - Remington Youngblood started Change 4 Georgia at the age of 10 after being unable to find appropriate volunteer opportunities. In the past four years, the non-profit has inspired and connected hundreds of students from across the country to community service. To date, Remington has raised over \$1 million in cash and in-kind donations, collected over 110,000 books to support literacy programs, sent thousands of cards and letters to overseas troops, collected food and diapers for families in need, and so much more. Remington and Change 4 Georgia have been recognized by President Barack Obama. A freshman at Lambert High School in Forsyth County, Remington is a second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and a first degree in Karate.