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**Bronx Community Board No. 8 Announces the New York Yankees Youth Leadership Award Winners**

Bronx, New York, February 6, 2012 – Bronx Community Board No. 8 is pleased to announce the winners of the New York Yankees Youth Leadership Award. Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr., member of the New York Yankees Community Council, will present the awards at the Community Board meeting on February 14, 2012 at the Manhattan College School of Engineering, 3825 Corlear Avenue, Fishbach Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor) at 7:30 PM.

Bronx Community Board 8's Youth Committee Chair Andrew Cohen led the committees' selection of five youth from the board area. This year's honorees are:

- Sean Browne nominated by Riverdale Neighborhood House (RNH) is a college freshman at SUNY Albany and as a three year intern at RNH worked with tutoring young children in subjects such as math, science, English and writing skills as well as helped children develop time management and organizational skills. Sean is a member of the SUNY's Service Key Club which helps students become involved in community service and is an Eagle Scout.
- Noah Clanton nominated by Marble Hill Community Center (MHCC) is a fourth grader at PS 37 Multiple Intelligence School. Noah helped to raised money for community organizations, i.e. Bronx Zoo, Lupus foundation, Hurricane victims; collects and donates clothes for Big Brothers and Sisters; donated toys, books, movies and learning materials to Children Arts & Science Workshop at MHCC, participates in US Postal Service Operation Santa Claus; collects and purchases toys and clothing for needy children and families; and helps fellow classmates with homework and in understanding class work.
- Daniel Vladimirsky and Eddy Diamantis were nominated by Riverdale Community Center (RCC). They are both high school seniors at Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy. They have participated in the Teen Action Program for the past 3 years; assisted in the coordination of the RCC 2011 Health Fair; helped raise money for AIDS awareness and walked in the NYC Aids Walk for the past 3 years; participated in the RCC Career Readiness Mission receiving an "Outstanding Effort Award" and a "Perfect Attendance Award"; and both have accumulated over 200 hours of community service. Daniel also participated in a NYC Youth Forum sharing ideas on global warming, obesity, recycling, etc.
- Chris Williams nominated by Kingsbridge Heights Community Center is a high school junior at the Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy MS/HS 141. Chris is a youth leader and member of the Youth Leadership Council (student government) serving in various leadership positions; is a skilled, trained, peer mediator who works with other mediators to help peers resolve day to day conflicts; was a "Reading Buddy" in the after school program helping students in improving their reading level and completing

homework; and visited nursing homes and delivered fruit baskets to senior citizens on behalf of the Greater Refuge Temple Church in Harlem.

The NY Yankees Youth Leadership Award is an annual event. It was created "...to acknowledge young people who are providing a positive service to their community, the New York Yankees work in conjunction with the 12 community boards of the Bronx on an annual basis to identify five area youth in each district that are making a difference. These children make up The New York Yankees Community Council Leadership Corp and are provided with a \$750 stipend to assist them in continuing their work in the community. These awardees perform 50 hours of leadership/volunteer work as a tutor, mentor, community unity developer, and/or a youth leader against violence and substance abuse in the community."

The NY Yankees Youth Leadership Award winners and their biographies can be read on the Bronx Community Board No. 8 website at <http://www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8>

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