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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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

Bronx, New York, February 8, 2013 – 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 12, 2013 at Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 4765 Henry Hudson Parkway, West at 7:30 PM.

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. The Award provides a \$750.00 stipend for each Youth Leader selected (5 per Bronx Community Board). It is expected that the nominees will 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 your community. In addition, the 5 Youth Leaders selected from each Community Board will be recognized for their achievements on-field during a pre-game ceremony on their respective Community Board's Day at Yankee Stadium.

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

1. **Tyrone Blanco was nominated by Riverdale Community Center (RCC) is a high school senior at Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy MS/HS 141.** Tyrone has been active in the RCC programs since sixth grade. He volunteered as a youth mentor and leader assisting the staff with many aspects of the After School Program. He assisted in fitness, dance and sports programs. He has grown and developed exemplary leadership qualities as he led activities in the After School Program teaching Step/Stomp and Hip Hop dance classes, basketball and flag rugby to the middle school participants. He is a mentor and leader demonstrating admirable skills to up and coming middle school student. Tyrone is a hard working, dedicated, cooperative team player who is energetic, dependable, caring and self-motivated, bright, energetic and constantly improving youth leader.
2. **Jaylen Edwards was nominated by Kingsbridge Heights Community Center (KHCC) is a high school senior at the Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy MS/HS 141.** He has been an active member of the KHCC for four years. Jaylen is a youth leader and member of the Youth Leadership Council (student government) developing skills in community outreach, public relations, scheduling and event planning and verbal presentations. Jaylen is an excellent speaker and advocated for KHCC programs and protested the budget cuts at public hearings. He is a trained Peer Mediator who helps his peers to resolve day to day conflicts; was a "Reading Buddy" in the after school

program helping students in improving their reading level and completing homework. Jaylen is a strong student, strong youth leader, important mentor to his peers, and a dynamic young man.

3. **Jaquan Cox was nominated by Ft. Independence Community Center is a high school junior and at the Bronx Theater High School.** Jaquan is the Vice President of the Ft. Independence Teen Council where he provides leadership and guidance skills to the Council and his peers. He has grown and developed exemplary leadership qualities as he led activities in the After School Program. Jaquan has organized various fundraisers for the teen center and is also the choreographer and Co-Captain of the Hollywood All-Stars Dance Team. The team promotes team work and participates in various shows throughout the Metropolitan area. Jaquan is also a volunteer at the New York Public Library where he is a Homework Assistant. Jaquan is a leader and mentor in his community.
4. **Jazmine Fulgencio was nominated by Kingsbridge Heights Community Center is a high school senior at Marble Hill High School for International Studies.** Jazmine is a youth leader and member of the Youth Leadership Council (student government) developing skills in event planning coordination, student outreach written proposals and verbal presentations. Jazmine has acted as mentor to KHCC youth from the Special Needs program through the Helping Hand initiative promoting social skill building among special needs youth. She is a trained Peer Mediator who helps her peers resolve day to day conflicts using her personal challenges that she has overcome and is a great role model and mentor to younger girls in the daily after school program. Jazmine is a bright, energetic and constantly improving youth leader.
5. **Griffin Sua was nominated by Riverdale Neighborhood House (RNH) is a high school freshman at the Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy MS/HS 141.** Griffin is a volunteer with the Friends of Van Cortlandt Park as a Junior Naturalist working in the community with the maintenance and preservation of our beautiful Van Cortlandt Park. His commitment as a Junior Naturalist and Trails Crew Program member helped to support RNH vision for sustaining and maintaining our neighborhood parks and helping it to be a great resource for the community to enjoy. Griffin has also played a role in educating friends, family and neighbors as a participant in several Forest and Garden Volunteer events. He also volunteers his time and supports various festivals and fundraising events at the local schools PS 81 and PS 24. Griffin is a true inspiration and a wonderful role model for his peers and adults alike.

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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