



City of Huntington Beach
CHILDREN'S NEEDS TASK FORCE

March 6, 2008

RE: YOUTH CHARACTER AWARDS – Bella Terra Wall of Fame

Dear Principal/Youth Organization Leaders:

The Huntington Beach Children's Needs Task Force, together with the City of Huntington Beach, is sponsoring our **9th Annual American Youth Character Awards** program to honor young people who are the real and proper role models for their generation. Young people need role models to show them how to live in a world fraught with pressures, temptations and bad examples. They need to know that they can become admired heroes simply on the strength of their character.

We need your help! Within your organization, there may be dozens of young people who are deserving of recognition. The process is simple. Anyone that is not an immediate family member can nominate a praiseworthy youth by completing the Youth Nomination Form and attaching a brief statement describing the facts that support the nominee as an example of good character. Nominees must be in grades 3-12 and **reside in the City of Huntington Beach**. The back of the nomination form provides the criteria that will be used to evaluate the submissions. Please feel free to make as many copies of this information as you would like and distribute this information to any potential nominators!

Completed Youth Nomination Forms can be faxed, mailed, or personally delivered to:

City of Huntington Beach
Community Services Department
Attn: Mary Loadsman
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, California 92648
FAX: (714) 374-1654

The deadline for submission is Friday, April 3, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

All youth nominees will be invited to attend a recognition ceremony at the Bella Terra Mall on May 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Selected honorees will have their name permanently inscribed on a bronze plaque displayed at the Bella Terra Mall "Wall of Fame". The honorees will also be recognized at a City Council meeting on June 1, 2009 and invited to ride on a float in the 4th of July parade.

By actively participating in the American Youth Character Awards program, you are joining schools and youth service organizations throughout Huntington Beach in an important endeavor: strengthening our moral community by building and celebrating character in our youth!

Thank you, in advance, for your participation in this important program. If you have any questions please contact Janeen Laudenback, Community Services Department, at (714) 536-5434.

Sincerely,

Robert O. Dettloff

Robert Dettloff, Chairperson
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