



**Lord Wolseley School:
Francesca Possia’s Grade 2/3 class**
(Group Award)

Last fall, the 23 students in Francesca Possia’s Grade 2/3 class at Lord Wolseley School embarked on a project to raise funds to help their classmate Jordan Rogodzinski, who has Cerebral Palsy. Someone asked a simple question: where in the community does Jordan go every Wednesday and what does he do there? After viewing videos and studying what happens at the Movement Centre of Manitoba they found the centre doesn’t receive government funds. They gave up many of their recesses, made posters, sold popcorn and candy and raised \$1,000 to help keep the centre open. But that wasn’t enough. They personally visited 21 area businesses and dropped off rocks they had painted to represent the organizations they were pitching. Then they asked to leave donation boxes. This huge undertaking netted them another \$2,000. They presented \$3,000 to the Movement Centre at an open house at their school.



YHA Evening Program

Greetings	Avaline Wright YHA Winner 2007
“O Canada” “My Wish” “True Colours”	Prodigy , Miles Macdonell Collegiate Directed by Zane Zalis
Introductory remarks	Avaline Wright
MTS Greetings	Pat Isaak , MTS President
Chairperson’s remarks	Glen Anderson Emcee, YHA Committee Chair
1 st Presenter	Linda Romeo YHA Committee Member
YHA Individual Award	Aidan Notarianni Grosvenor School
2 nd Presenter	Glen Anderson
YHA Individual Award	Stephanie Melsted Riverton Early Middle School
3 rd Presenter	Peggy Murphy YHA Committee Member
YHA Individual Award	Breanna Wiebe Oak Park High School
Dance Presentation “I Could Have Danced All Night” “You Can’t Stop the Beat”	Oak Park Dance Company Directed by Kristen Downey
4 th Presenter	Andrea Overby YHA Committee Member
YHA Group Award	Mrs. Possia’s Gr. 2/3 Class Lord Wolseley School
“I Have a Name” *	Prodigy
Closing Remarks	Glen Anderson

** Composition and lyrics by Zane Zalis.*
Remember to join us for a reception in the lobby after the show.



Evening Program
Monday, April 28, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.
Manitoba Theatre for Young People





Aidan Notarianni (*Individual Award*)

The youngest YHA recipient this year is Aidan Notarianni, a Grade 3 student from Grosvenor School, who was inspired by his long-time hero Terry Fox. After the annual Terry Fox Run—which Aidan has participated in since he was four years old—he decided to create his own event called *Bikes in Motion* so he and others could bike from Winnipeg to Lockport to raise funds for The Cancer Research Society. Aidan has created the concept, designed the posters and done the legwork in approaching various companies for sponsorship—including a florist and book, toy and hardware stores. Bikes in Motion is set for August 24.



Stephanie Melsted (*Individual Award*)

Stephanie Melsted is a Grade 7 student from Riverton Early Middle School near Arborg. Stephanie's compassionate heart drives her to seek out those who need help—whether it's a South American student learning English, or a classmate who needs tutoring in math. Stephanie is friendly, warm-hearted and always eager to pitch in for charities such as World Vision and the Rainbow Society. After much work collecting donations for the Terry Fox Run, and participating in the run herself, Stephanie cut off most of her beautiful red hair to donate to cancer patients. She often supervises in early years classrooms. Younger students like her because she's patient and fair. Her peers respect her, as well. One month, during Riverton School's Character Counts program, every nomination written up by Stephanie's classmates included her name for exhibiting the character trait of the month. When Stephanie is not helping others, she relaxes by riding and grooming her horse Root Beer.



Breanna Wiebe (*Individual Award*)

Oak Park High School's Breanna Wiebe has a strong humanitarian heart largely informed by her faith. This quiet, cheerful Grade 12 student balances school work with a heavy humanitarian agenda too big to fully describe. She takes a hands-on leadership role in every cause she champions—from the Landmines Campaign conference, taking part in the 30-hour Famine, helping to raise \$20,000 for Cancer Care Manitoba, organizing blood drives, delivering poinsettias for Hospice and Palliative Care Manitoba and fundraising for UNICEF, to volunteering at Agape Soup Kitchen and preparing food and mopping the floors at Siloam Mission. She is currently putting the final touches on her school's largest blood drive to date. Two years ago, Breanna went on a two-week mission trip to Mexico where she helped feed the homeless and fix up a church building. She will be returning to Mexico this summer to help build a school. Her life's goal is to travel as an optometrist and missionary to Uganda to help fill the "huge need" to treat people's eye conditions there.