



L to R: Angélique Dauriac, Rowan Kenny, Noël Gareau, Justin Chartier, Keelin Antonichuk, Miguel Boissonneault, Stéphanie Rehillard. **Missing:** Justin Poirier.

Collège Louis-Riel’s Alternative Program (Group Award)

A group of eight students from Collège Louis-Riel’s Alternative Program travelled to the Dominican Republic to take part in a charity project to build houses in poor villages that have suffered hurricane damage. The students, between 15 and 17 years of age, fund-raised to cover the costs of the trip and donated money for the purchase of local building materials. For two weeks, the students lived with the Dominican people, striking up friendships and stepping up to the challenge of building two homes, despite the lack of running water and electricity. The students forged strong bonds with the local people, and made a clear difference in their new friends’ lives.

YHA Evening Program

Greetings	Breanna Wiebe YHA Winner 2008
“O Canada” “I Believe”*	Prodigy Miles Macdonell Collegiate Directed by Zane Zalis
Introductory remarks	Breanna Wiebe
MTS Greetings	Pat Isaak , MTS President
Chairperson’s remarks	Dan Turner Emcee, YHA Committee Chair
1 st Presenter	Linda Romeo YHA Committee Member
YHA Individual Award	Aurora Whitehead McIsaac School, Flin Flon
2 nd Presenter	Peggy Murphy YHA Committee Member
YHA Individual Award	Bryn Helgeson Henderson Elementary, Dauphin
3 rd Presenter	Neil McNeil YHA Committee Member
YHA Individual Award	Mathew Backhouse RD Parker Collegiate, Thompson
Dance Presentation “I Believe” “I Question Mark”	Oak Park Dance Company Directed by Kristen Downey
4 th Presenter	Andrea Overby YHA Committee Member
YHA Group Award	Collège Louis-Riel’s Alternative Program, Winnipeg Collège Louis-Riel, Winnipeg
“I Have a Name” *	Prodigy
Closing Remarks	Dan Turner

* Composition and lyrics by Zane Zalis. From the world premiere of “I Believe”
Remember to join us for a reception in the lobby after the show.



Evening Program
Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.
Manitoba Theatre for Young People



Bryn Helgeson (Individual Award)

Bryn Helgeson is a Grade 5 student from Henderson Elementary School in Dauphin, Manitoba. When a new student with special needs joined Bryn's class, she volunteered to work with her new classmate and help her feel included. Bryn took daily interest in the student's well being and struck up a friendship, helping the student become a part of the class. Her actions have demonstrated to her school community a powerful lesson in inclusion and compassion.



Aurora Whitehead (Individual Award)

Recognized as a celebrity in her community and among her peers at school, fifth grader Aurora Whitehead from McIsaac School in Flin Flon, organized a dance that raised \$1,600 for Cancer Care Manitoba. Always seeking ways to be of service and to make her help count, Aurora approached local businesses and organizations to gain support for the cause near to her heart — her father is a seven-year cancer survivor. With the help of her family and friends, Aurora's dance was a success, and through her organization of the event she has learned many new skills which will serve her well as a future leader in her school and community.



Mathew Backhouse (Individual Award)

Mathew Backhouse is a Grade 12 student at RD Parker Collegiate in Thompson who embarked on a project to raise funds to place automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in recreational facilities after hearing of the death of a young Russian hockey player who died from Sudden Cardiac Arrest. He organized a fundraising campaign to purchase an AED for the Thompson arenas, hitting phone lines, approaching businesses and spreading the word through radio interviews and meetings with various organizations around the city. Mathew has raised \$5,400 to date, enough to buy 2 AEDs, while also finding time to volunteer at elementary schools and public skating nights at his local arenas.