

# Meet the 2012 Young Humanitarian Award Winners



## Austin Skogan

Austin Skogan is a Grade 8 student at Stonewall Centennial School. He's a kind-hearted, caring boy whose actions speak loudly. In Grade 5, Austin and his class visited Rosewood Lodge, a nursing home, for I Love to Read month. He continued visiting and reading to residents on his own, every week—even during school breaks and summer holidays. Some residents he was fond of passed away, but

that didn't keep Austin from making regular visits to the lodge. Now in his third year of visits, Austin has even taken a friend to help at the lodge. Nurses and residents alike welcome his visits and admire his love and willingness to serve.

## Ayla Hamilton and Van Hamilton

Ayla Hamilton (Grade 7) and her brother Van (Grade 2) are selfless and humble far beyond their years. Both students at Major Pratt School in Russell, Manitoba, Ayla and Van formed Kids Helping Kids, a project dedicated to raising funds for newcomer moms and dads who work in Russell and struggle financially to buy plane tickets to bring their children to Canada. This tireless duo has raised over \$13,000. They plan to reunite nine children with their parents this year, and raise enough funds to bring another nine next year.



## Jasmine Wiens

Jasmine Wiens, a Grade 12 student at Green Valley School in Grunthal, is an extraordinary humanitarian. Jasmine oversaw a school food drive to support the work of South East Helping Hands. She organized students into teams, developed advertising, arranged a school assembly and led students in collecting almost 1,500 kg of food. Her efforts were so successful that a new food bank was able to open in Grunthal.

Jasmine was named to the board of directors. Jasmine also leads the school's social justice project of building a well for a drought-ravaged village in Kenya. The project involves 125 students and has raised over \$15,000.



## The Fair Trade Action Committee

The Fair Trade Action Committee is a group of 11 Grades 5-6 students from Centennial School in Lac du Bonnet. One of their many projects, "Spreading Blankets, Making Change" started with a goal to collect 50 blankets to give to the homeless over Christmas. This school project quickly grew into a community effort that got widespread support from local residents, the RCMP, quilters, church members, a local newspaper, and the communities of Pine Falls and Pinawa. When the students visited Siloam Mission, they delivered 287 blankets — a humbling and heartwarming experience for everyone involved. The committee's good work continued this year with "A Day of Change", a project once again targeted to helping the less fortunate at Siloam Mission and at Nova House in Selkirk. These hard-working, socially conscious students have spawned a junior committee of 50 Grades 3-6 humanitarians. (PICTURED ABOVE LEFT TO RIGHT: Dallas Morrisseau, Erin Atkin, Marina Milne, Emily Postnicks, Lindsay Buller, Neely Zirk, Kally Oucharek, Robin Miller, Liam Mitchell, and Anika Easton. MISSING FROM PHOTO: Danielle Wazny)

## Who have they helped?

Here are just some of the people that benefit from the work of this year's Young Humanitarian Award recipients. If you can help, please do.

- **South East Helping Hands Food Bank**  
<http://sehh.ca>
- **Nova House Women's Shelter**  
[www.novahouse.ca](http://www.novahouse.ca)
- **Siloam Mission**  
[www.siloam.ca](http://www.siloam.ca)
- **Kids Helping Kids** (Russell, Manitoba)  
Facebook link: <http://on.fb.me/kidshelpingkids1>
- **Rosewood Lodge**  
See "personal care homes" at <http://www.irha.mb.ca>

## The Manitoba Teachers' Society wants your feedback!

### What did you think of the 2012 Young Humanitarian Awards?

We would love to know what you thought of tonight's event. If you have any suggestions or comments, please share them with us via email at [yha@mbteach.org](mailto:yha@mbteach.org) or using Facebook or Twitter:



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You can learn more about the annual Young Humanitarian Awards at [www.mbteach.org/YHA/yha.html](http://www.mbteach.org/YHA/yha.html).

Know anyone who should be nominated in 2013?

## Reception refreshments

**Cupcakes and cookies for tonight's reception were prepared by students of the Culinary Arts program at Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate.**

## Enjoy performances tonight by

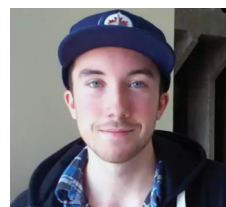
### Ace Burpee

Ace Burpee is the most recognized voice on HOT-103, Winnipeg's number one hit music station. A passionate connector and leader, Ace is extensively involved in community events in Manitoba. He recently gave the keynote address at a Manitoba Bold – Youth conference, inspiring students from 11 schools to be bold and creative with their ideas for a better province. We are so grateful to have him as host for this special 15th annual YHA Night.



### Sean Quigley

Sean Quigley is best known for "Little Drummer Boy," his viral video hit with over 2 million YouTube views. But this inspiring Christian artist never rests on his laurels. He has recently collaborated with Grammy- and Juno-nominated Fresh I.E. on a soon-to-be released seven-song EP titled Our Generation. Sean is actively involved in humanitarian work with various organizations in Winnipeg.



### St. Laurent Fiddlers

This dynamic group has earned plenty of accolades during its 12 years at St. Laurent School. They have been the subject of a Bravo documentary and have performed at numerous venues including the Smithsonian Institute and Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC. Tonight's performers are Cameron Ducharme, Katie Byron, Ryan Gaudry and Brandon Nast.



### Mimoza & Moises Duot

This incredibly talented brother and sister duo were finalists in separate seasons of YTV's The Next Star. Mimoza has since scored a deal with a management company out of Toronto and her video "Love" which she will sing for us tonight, can be seen in heavy rotation on Family Channel. There's nowhere to go but up for these two. Wait till you here their cover of Bruno Mars' Count on Me.



## Monday, April 30, 2012, at 7:00 PM, Manitoba Theatre for Young People

### Greetings from the Emcee,

Ace Burpee – HOT-103

### Student Greetings

Shea Kosokowsky & Zak Johnson, 2011 YHA Winners

### "O Canada"

Tayman Turner, accompanied by Heather Gross

### "Filled with Your Glory," "Our Generation"

Sean Quigley

### MTS Greetings

Paul Olson, President, The Manitoba Teachers' Society

### Chairperson's Remarks

Arlyn Filewich, YHA Committee Chair, MTS Executive Member

### YHA Individual Award

presented to Ayla and Van Hamilton, Major Pratt School, Russell;  
Introduced by Tammy McCulloch, Principal

### YHA Individual Award

presented to Austin Skogan, Stonewall Centennial School;  
Introduced by Kari Kinley, Teacher

### YHA Individual Award

presented to Jasmine Wiens, Green Valley School, Grunthal;  
Introduced by Rick Ardies, Principal

### "Medley: Whiskey Before Breakfast, Buffalo Gals, Ragtime Annie; Orange Blossom Special"

St. Laurent Fiddlers

### YHA Group Award

presented to Fair Trade Action Committee, Centennial School,  
Lac du Bonnet; Introduced by Janice Leroux, Principal

### "Count on Me," "Love"

Mimoza and Moises Duot

### Closing Remarks

**Join us for a reception  
in the MTYP lobby after the show!**



## The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Young Humanitarian Awards

**Tonight we honour Manitoba public school students  
whose acts of compassion and caring inspire us  
—and encourage us to do the same.**

**Meet our 2012 recipients...**



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