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Twenty Bay Area Students Rewarded for Community Volunteerism

(St. Petersburg, FL) – Twenty local students who have demonstrated a commitment to their community through volunteerism have been named winners of Bright House Networks' Volunteer Youth Awards for 2009.

Each winner will receive a laptop computer and computer carrying case on Tuesday night May 19, 2009 at Tropicana Field before the Tampa Bay Rays take on the Oakland Athletics at 7:10 p.m.

Winning students performed at least 50 hours of community service throughout the year while maintaining a GPA of 2.5 or above. Winners faced stiff competition; approximately 150 applications for the awards were received from students throughout the seven county areas served by Bright House Networks Tampa Bay Division.

"We believe volunteerism to be a core value and a civic duty," said Mike Robertson, President Bright House Networks Tampa Bay Division. "This is one way that we can encourage young people to give back to their community. We hope that volunteerism will become a lifelong commitment for these winners, and their peers."

The local student winners are:

PINELLAS COUNTY

Najah Bilal
Jordan Holzmacher
Andrew Schultz
Qicong Chen

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Thomas Timberlake
Kelsey Rafols
Lauren Mayo
Tyler Peterson

CITRUS, HERNANDO, PASCO AND POLK COUNTIES

Rachel Beth Wise
Meike Groh
Felicia Weisberg
Danielle DelColle
Blake Schneider
Jeraldine Needham
Ciara Scott
Angela Raab

MANATEE COUNTY

Drexler James
Christine Quinn
Taylor Unger
Severin Walstad

Bright House Networks formally encourages its own employees to volunteer through its Community Service Day initiative. Each employee is allowed to take one paid day off from work every calendar year to volunteer for a non-profit organization or school of his or her choice.

About Bright House Networks

Bright House Networks is the 6th largest multiple cable system operator (MSO) in the US with 2.4 million customers in several large cities including Tampa Bay and Orlando, Florida; Bakersfield, California; Indianapolis, Indiana; Detroit, Michigan; and Birmingham, Alabama; along with several other smaller regions in Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. The high-growth Florida markets are adjacent and form one of the country's largest cable clusters. Bright House Networks' corporate offices are located in Syracuse, New York and Orlando, Florida.

Bright House Networks is committed to putting customers in control and making their lives easier with products including Digital Cable, High Speed Internet, and Home Phone. The company also provides an ever-expanding catalog of Video-on-Demand (VOD) programming, the immensely popular Digital Video Recorders (DVR), and high-definition (HD) programming.

Exceptional customer care is the cornerstone of Bright House Networks' business, and a top priority across all operating units. Bright House Networks was ranked the "Highest in Residential Telephone Customer Satisfaction in the South Region" by J.D. Power and Associates in 2006, 2007, and 2008. J.D. Power and Associates also ranked Bright House Networks the "Highest in Customer Satisfaction Among High-Speed Internet Service Providers in the South Region" in 2008.

In addition to their residential services, Bright House Networks Business Solutions (www.brightbiz.com) provides products and services for small, medium, and enterprise businesses including Business Phone, Internet, Managed Security Services, Web Services, and Wireless Solutions.

Bright House Networks also owns and operates two 24-hour local news operations; *Central Florida News 13* (www.cfn13.com) serving the Orlando area, and *Bay News 9* (www.baynews9.com) serving the Tampa Bay area. Recently, *Bright House Sports Network* (www.bhsn.com) launched in Florida, providing local sports coverage across Tampa Bay and Orlando. Bright House Networks provides in-depth coverage of local sports including high school, college, and professional teams.

Public affairs, social responsibility, and community involvement continue to be major initiatives for Bright House Networks as an ongoing commitment to the families and communities Bright House Networks serves. This includes the *Star Teachers Award* program, the *Bright Kids Network*, *Operation Bright Eyes*, and many more long-term commitments to education and other important issues in Bright House Networks communities.

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