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Bright House Networks Reward Tampa Bay Area Students for 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 2008.

Each winner will receive a laptop computer and a complimentary year of Road Runner High-Speed Online service Friday night May 9, 2008 at Tropicana Field before the Tampa Bay Rays take on the Los Angeles Angels 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 Dan Ballister, Vice President of Public Affairs for 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 winners are:

Megan Kelly
Jennie Lee

St. Petersburg, St. Pete High
Palm Harbor, Palm Harbor University

Jasmine K. Stafford
Matthew Moore

Clearwater, Dunedin High School
Oldsmar, East Lake High School

Bridget Plimley
Chelsea Hall

Tampa, Spoto High School
Plant City, Plant City High School

Maritza Mulkay
Bharath Alamanda

Tampa, Gaither High School
Tampa, Sickles High School

Elizabeth Amidon
Priyanka Surio

Lakeland, Lake Gibson Senior High
Lakeland, Bartow International Baccalaureate

Caijia “Catherine” Yu	Land O’Lakes, Land O’Lakes High
Chanel Donaldson	Wesley Chapel, Wiregrass Ranch High
Jeremy Jensen	Inverness, Citrus High
Jaren Harley Tyler	Homosassa, Home school
Elvia Arce	Brooksville, Hernando High School
Joseph A. Silvestri	Spring Hill, Nature Coast Technical
Stephanie Hall	Bradenton, Lakewood Ranch High School
Katlin Kenney	Bradenton, Southeast High School
Matthew Meador	Bradenton, Bayshore High School
Cassandra Yoder	Bradenton, Lakewood Ranch High School

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 a leading provider of entertainment and information services, with over 2 million customers in several large markets including Bakersfield, California; Birmingham, Alabama; Detroit, Michigan; Indianapolis, Indiana; Orlando, Florida (Central Florida Division) and Tampa Bay, Florida along with several other smaller systems in Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. The company's fiber-optic network offers customers the latest technology available in home phone, cable and Internet services.

Exceptional customer service is the company’s cornerstone of its business. Bright House Networks local Customer Care is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week, including holidays. Public affairs, social responsibility and community involvement continue as major initiatives for the company as an ongoing commitment to the families and communities Bright House Networks serves.

Bright House Networks also owns and operates two 24-hour local news operations; Bay News 9, Bay News 9 En Español, Catch 47 Tampa Bay Sports Channel, Travel Weather Now, Tampa Bay on Demand and Baynews9.com serving the Tampa market and serving the Orlando area; Central Florida News 13, News 13 Weather NOW, Central Florida on Demand, and cfnews13.com.

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