

2007 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



SALUTE YOUR 2007 AWARDS HONOREE, NICOLETTE ASH

NOMINATED BY SCOTT & VALERIE ASH



From left: Nominator Valerie Ash, medalist Nicolette Ash and nominator Scott Ash



From left: George Arwady, Publisher of the Star-Ledger, medalist Nicolette Ash, and Sam Beard, co-founder of the Jefferson Awards

Do you know someone who makes a difference in your community?

If you do, then nominate them for the prestigious Jefferson Award by visiting www.nj.com/jeffersonawards

Jefferson Awards honor ordinary people who, through public service, do extraordinary things for other people, their community, their nation, or the environment.

When Nicolette Ash, 16, realized the impact she had on people's lives, she wanted to share the power to help others with the teens in her area; that's when she created the volunteering program MADE, Making A Difference Everywhere. The purpose was to make it easy for teens to access volunteering opportunities in their area, and to inspire them to make a difference in their community. She first ran it out of her home in 8th grade, and now MADE is a program in her township. MADE is not just limited to hands-on volunteer work. They also do various projects helping teens all over the U.S. Recently they started a drive called "Packed With Hope," providing the students of Enterprise H.S. in Alabama, the school destroyed by the tornado, new backpacks and school supplies. This program now has over 75 members; they have volunteered for over 20 volunteering organizations and have touched over thousands of lives.