

# 2008 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



## WILLIAM LEVEILLE YOUR 2008 AWARDS MEDALIST NOMINATED BY DENISE PECZINKA



*From left:* Sam Beard, co-founder of the Jefferson Awards, medalist William Leveille, and George Arwady, Publisher of The Star-Ledger



*From left:* William Leveille and his nominator Denise Peczinka

As a child, Bill would feed stray cats and dogs, keeping them until he found them a good home. At age 10, he befriended a homeless veteran; Bill would bring the retired Marine Staff Sergeant sandwiches and blankets. At age sixteen, he joined the South Amboy First Aid Squad Cadet program, learning first aid and becoming an Emergency Medical Technician. At age eighteen; he became a volunteer firefighter with the Progressive Fire

Company. Bill has begun yearly fundraisers since 9/11. At Christmas he hosts "Pictures with Santa". Children visit with Santa and have their picture taken for a one dollar donation. All proceeds go to a needy individual or family. Bill also assisted with collecting and delivering food for Hurricane Katrina victims. He has vowed to continue to give to the community and to lend a helping hand whenever possible.

## 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](http://www.nj.com/jeffersonawards)

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