

# 2008 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



## SAMANTHA LUSCOMBE YOUR 2008 AWARDS MEDALIST

NOMINATED BY KIMBERLY VETRANO



*From Right:*  
Samantha Luscombe  
and her nominator  
Kimberly Vetrano

*Samantha  
Luscombe  
2008 Jefferson  
Awards Youth  
Finalist*

Sammy's first experience with helping others was in pre-school, when she donated some of her own toys to a toy sale to benefit other children in need. She has taught philanthropy to young children through her Girl Scout Gold Award project and leading her Brownie Troop, teens through her fundraising efforts for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and adults when she spoke at the Association of Fundraising Professionals' Conference on Philanthropy. She taught elementary school aged children the joy of helping others by having them stuff animals for other children in painful and stressful situations. The

animals were donated to local police, fire and rescue departments, a homeless shelter and children's hospital. Sammy also assembled and captained a team of seven other teens who had lost someone special to cancer. She taught them how to run effective fundraisers, and they were able to raise over \$10,146 for cancer research. Since receiving her award, she has become a volunteer peer counselor with the Drew University student hotline, a member of the Habitat for Humanity Crew at Drew, and is captaining her 3rd Relay for life team in honor of a 10 year old friend with brain cancer.

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