

David R. Roberts Youth in Philanthropy Award Presentation
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Good morning ladies and gentlemen. On behalf of Jerry Hilbrich, Chairman of the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, along with fellow Board members, Joan Ruffier, John Lord, Matt Certo, and the other Board members who could not be here today, I want to begin by thanking the Association of Fundraising Professionals for creating this outstanding celebration of philanthropy. You have changed our community through the giving hearts of those past, present and future.

Now I don't know about you but with all these fundraisers in the room it makes me nervous! I have however been assured that until the conclusion of today's event, that your wallets and purses are safe. The Ritz Carlton has been declared a "Fundraising Free Zone" No one will stand behind this podium today and recite the now famous words --- **"Will the table captains please pass out the pledge cards!"**

It is indeed my honor to present the 2007 David R. Roberts Youth in Philanthropy Award. This award is a memorial to the first President of the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, David R. Roberts - a lawyer, a scholar, and a leader in philanthropy. David Roberts believed in the power of our youth to enhance our community's tradition of philanthropy and volunteerism.

Corey Warner is in the sixth grade. He makes friends very easily. One of Corey's friends was in a foster family, when one day Corey needed to say goodbye to his friend – foster children move around quite a bit. It was at this very moment that Corey made personal decision, **with his giving heart**, to help his friend and other foster children. Corey has focused his efforts to working with the Children's Home Society - **when a need arises** - he finds a way to meet it, whether it is haircuts, school supplies or eyeglasses. He's even written to Governor Charlie Crist to encourage the Governor to help foster children. The Governor has thanked Corey and asked him to work with the Department of Children and Families – **as one of its youngest volunteers!**

Corey, come on up here. Corey, on behalf of the entire Board of Directors of the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation and Mrs. Libby Roberts, who is with us today, I am happy to present this check to the charity of **Corey's choice – an organization that embraces children and inspires lives – the Children's Home Society. Your name will also be on permanent display in the Foundation's office.**