

# David R. Roberts Youth in Philanthropy Award Presentation

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Good morning ladies and gentlemen. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, 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.

It is indeed my honor to present the 2008 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.

The young lady you are about to meet has that power. She exemplifies the true spirit of philanthropy and volunteerism.

From age 11, Kuranda Robertson has demonstrated a strong sense of commitment to her community, serving with superior dedication and maturity at Give Kids the World.

Kuranda has completed over 6,000 hours of services since 2001 with Give Kids The World volunteering in food service, entertainment, guest services, housekeeping, support services, administration, and welcoming guests at the airport. Kuranda assists in scheduling volunteers, coordinating volunteer orientations, maintaining collateral and coordinating "Caught You Caring", a volunteer recognition program.

Give Kids the World is not the only organization where Kuranda devotes her time. She is also dedicated to the annual Light the Night Walk to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Poinciana, and Alex's Lemonade Stand.

Kuranda's philanthropic spirit is contagious, even in the ranks of those that work to serve on a daily basis. Kuranda does not just give her time; she takes her volunteer role seriously and treats it more like a career path. Her heart and soul are invested in volunteering. Her youthful passion is her power.

It is my pleasure to introduce Kuranda Diane Robertson, this year's David R. Roberts Youth in Philanthropy award winner.

Kuranda please come on up here. Kuranda, 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 your choice – an organization that embraces children and inspires lives – Give Kids the World. Your name will also be on permanent display in the Foundation's office.