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The Foreign Service Youth Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of the 2011 Community Service Award. The annual award recognizes U.S. Foreign Service youth who demonstrate outstanding volunteer efforts in service to their community or to their peers. Two winners received \$1,500 U.S. Government savings bond made possible by Clements Insurance. Both winners will be honored at the Youth Awards Ceremony in the Benjamin Franklin Room in the Harry S. Truman Building in Washington, DC on July 15 2011.

Jared Gibson

Jared Gibson, age 16, was selected to receive one of two community service awards for outstanding volunteerism in the community, and in particular hosting two skateboarding charity events to raise money for the medical care of a ten-year-old Tunisian boy. Jared is the son of Raymond and Theresa Gibson, currently posted to Tunis. He is a 9th grader who is home-schooled with Alpha Omega Schools. Jared utilized his love of skateboarding by organizing and teaching skateboarding classes and skateboarding safety in his local community, and crossing cultural barriers. He raised over \$600 in profits to help pay for the boy's medical treatment. He has assisted with the CLO barbecue, unloading shipments from the Embassy Commissary as well as serving as a youth leader at his church. No task has been too small or too big. Jared's community service demonstrates great compassion for others, and he is always willing to help those in need. Apart from skateboarding, his other hobbies include guitar, and interactive games. Japanese was his first language. He has lived most of his life overseas, and learned to ski on Mount Fuji, Japan.

Alexandra Ike

Alexandra Ike, age 18, was selected to receive one of two community service awards for outstanding volunteerism in Ghana. Alexandra is the daughter of Stephen and Nansie Ike, currently posted to Accra, Ghana. She is a 12th grader at Lincoln Community School. Alexandra has volunteered extensively to include working with the homeless in Accra. She raised over \$1000 for 'Street Girls Aid'. These funds went towards assisting working, but homeless mothers by providing a safe place for their children whilst the mothers work. Alexandra has visited a Liberian refugee camp and raised \$500 for refugee children. She has trained as an AIDS educator, visiting local schools to inform students about the disease. Alexandra has also served as president of 'Habitat for Humanity' group at her school, organizing visits to build homes for impoverished communities. Her hobbies include hanging out with her family (she has four older siblings) and her friends. She loves sports, and plays on the school basketball and soccer

team. She hopes to play soccer in college. She loves animals, and has two dogs, who she says are definitely part of her family.

Everyone associated with the Foreign Service Youth Foundation, Clements Worldwide, the Family Liaison Office and the Department of State congratulates the 2011 community service award winners and nominees. These outstanding U.S. Foreign Service youth demonstrate the generosity of spirit that is truly American.

The 2012 Community Service Award nominations are due in April 2012. To receive more information about the awards and other exciting programs organized by the Foreign Service Youth Foundation, please send an email to fsyf@fsyf.org.