

The next **Do the Right Thing** of Charlotte County monthly award program will be held Thursday, October 4 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 326 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. The following three students will be honored:

**Jaya Jozefiak**                      **16493 Tonawanda Dr., Punta Gorda FL 33955**                      **Age 7**    **Grade**  
**2**                      **Sallie Jones Elementary School**

“My name is Jenny James and I am a Kindergarten teacher at Sallie Jones. Last week was the first full week of school for all my kindergarten students. As you know, kindergarten can be very stressful that first couple of days. On Tuesday, I had just taken all my students to lunch and I returned back to my room to grab some papers that had money attached to them for spirit sticks. As I quickly left my room and headed to the office, ten dollars had come loose from my papers and fell in the floor. I had no idea that the money had dropped and I continued on my way to the office. I hear a voice chasing me down the hallway saying "Mrs. James, Mrs. James", as I turned around there stood little miss Jaya holding ten dollars in her hand. She said, "Mrs. James, you dropped this money and I just wanted to give it back to you." What a proud moment as a teacher that was, instead of just picking up the money and putting it in her pocket, Jaya was a leader and made sure the money was returned.”

**Brianna Rossip**                      **22070 Marshall Ave., Port Charlotte FL 33952**                      **Age 11**    **Grade**  
**5**                      **Neil Armstrong Elementary School**  
Nominated by CCSO DFC J.Moore

“On August 27th, 2018 Brianna immediately reported to an adult that a fellow classmate had threatened to stab her and shoot another student. Due to the severity of the threats, an investigation was conducted. At the conclusion of the investigation it was discovered that several students had been threatened, but had not reported the threats. Due to Brianna’s actions, necessary actions were immediately implemented to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

It takes a person of strong character to report incidents regarding their peers as most students fear retaliation or being labeled a “snitch”. In a time where school violence has become increasingly more common, it’s extremely important for students to report any suspicious or dangerous situations. It is for this reason that I nominate Brianna Rossip for the **Do the Right Thing**. I am so very proud of her for taking an active role in protecting herself, fellow classmates, and staff at her school.”

**Nicholas Angelini**                      **713 Bonita Court, Punta Gorda FL 33950**                      **Age 7**    **Grade**  
**2**                      **Sallie Jones Elementary School**

“While out on the playground during structured play (recess), Nick had gone to get a drink and found many one dollar bills blowing all around. He ran all over to collect them and brought them right to me and let me know where he had found them. Before going into lunch he helped find the owner of the money who was new to our school and was very glad to get her lunch money returned. Nick never hesitated to bring me the money and wanted to make sure it got to the right person.”