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The East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club

Students from
Eastside Club
School Age Program
awarded
at the recent AGM
were (L-R)
Andres Guerra,
most artistic,
Chukwuma Nwajei,
most outstanding,
Safiyah Briggs,
most supportive;
and Janise Gray,
most artistic.
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Scarborough kids get awards

By William Doyle-Marshall

Toronto — Children of East Scarborough were the centre of attention at last Friday's annual general meeting of the East Scarborough Boys & Girls Club held at its Galloway Road headquarters.

Thirty-one youngster involved in the club's regular programming were recognized for demonstrating improvement in a variety of categories associated with their progress. Ron Rock, the club's executive director thanked the volunteers for doing a tremendous job and acknowledged the dedicated staff for its sterling contribution.

More volunteers were attracted to the club this past year than previously. As a result, two University of Toronto students came forward and built the organization's website at no cost. Due to widespread optimism and enthusiasm, Rock noted that the club's programmes were developing in leaps and bounds.

Awards and recognitions were handed out to those individuals who demonstrated that they are imaginative, cooperative, sociable and demonstrated advancement in specific skills.

The list of recognition included The Eastside Children Centre's junior room's Tyrese Bennett, Damion MacNeil and Niddi Ndukwe. From the senior room Safyya Briggs, Alycia Brown and Karisha Duncan received recognition.

From the Eastside Club's school age programme Chukwuma Nwajei and Janise Gray were recognised.

In the after school programme — children between the ages of six and 10 — Alden Weblew was recognised for being most cooperative among the rookies. Huda Hussaini was named most outstanding all star and Tehenia Archer, most cooperative among the legends.

Among the 11-14s in the after school programme, Tonika Jardine was named most dramatic; Anthony Ashman, most athletic and Farrell Francis, most studious.

For the Family Resource Creative Learning in Progress Programme of East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club Kody Shah, most imaginative; Zachary Davis, most self-confident and Victoria Richter showed advancement in writing skills.

Participants at Corvette were Danna Zhang, Nivetha Nesarajah and Merlo Francis. At Mornelle, Santhiah Ravichan and Patrick Pillainayagam showed advancement in writing skills.

In the Youth and Recreation Programme Andrae Williams, Elliott Lariviere and Lance Mantini received awards. In the Stay in School Programme, Jorelle Burgher was named most consistent; Sapphine Thomas, most improved and Roshea Griffith, most cooperative.

Rock said in moving forward as an organization the East Scarborough Boys & Girls Club would formally plan what it is going to deliver in a more concise fashion. He promised everything is going to be coordinated and organized more coherently. Each and every programme must have a positive outcome for your children as there is no point in having your children come to the club and simply not develop the types of skills they will need socially, educationally, culturally or even recreational, Rock added.

"We will move from sporadic skill development to structured, coordinated skill development," he promised.

Mary Ann Chambers, candidate for East Scarborough for the up coming provincial elections, congratulated the parents and volunteers for showing their belief in the young people. She thanked them believing the future is "in the hands of our young people".

Also congratulating the club were Steve Gilchrist MPP, City Councillor David Soknacki and David Rew, regional coordinator of Boys and Girls Club of Ontario.

