The Do The Right Thing award program was held on Thursday March 2, 2017, in the Punta Gorda City Council Chambers. The following students were honored:

Jordyn Burkey, Deep Creek Elementary, Grade 4 and Abigail Willis, Deep Creek Elementary, Grade 4

Jordyn and Abigail were honored for making a difference for other children. When they decided to purchase Christmas gifts for students in need at their school, they raised funds by having a front yard lemonade stand as well as a yard/bake sale. They also had a "Wear Your Clothes Backwards Day" fundraiser at school. These activities made it possible to reach their goal of providing gifts for others. Thank you Jordyn and Abigail for helping other children who are not as fortunate.

Michael Munz, Myakka River Elementary, Grade 4,

Michael participated in Shop with Cop this December. The deputy he shopped with was impressed as Michael only purchased gifts for his family and nothing for himself. When a customer noticed his generosity, the customer purchased a bicycle for Michael. Michael then gave the bike to a friend who he knew was in need of a bicycle. Thank you Michael for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Trinity Oros, Port Charlotte Middle, Grade 8

Trinity was honored for her integrity and being a role model. Trinity treats her teachers and peers with respect and is always the calm voice of mediation if her peers have a conflict. She is involved in a variety of school activities and can always be counted on to do the right thing. Thanks Trinity for doing the right thing.

Brianna Smith, East Elementary, Kindergarten

Brianna was honored for assisting others and doing the right thing. Brianna is always finding ways to help others including donating her clothes, shoes, and toys every year to assist others. She also helps her younger brother in donating his things. She also helps her mom, grandma, and aunt in the kitchen and she states she wants to be an Army chef when she grows up so the army personnel can eat right. Thank you Brianna for doing the right thing.