

Edmonton non-profit groups honoured with Laurel Awards

EDMONTON JOURNAL SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

A workshop that lets at-risk youth teach the adults who work with them.

A day trip on the river to test the quality of our water.

A helping hand at Christmas. Those programs and the non-profits that run them were recognized Monday at the 17th annual Laurel Awards.

Established by the law firm Duncan and Craig, the awards honour organizations "that further their goals through exceptional creativity and innovation."

This year's winners were chosen from dozens of nominations and received honorariums of \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000, respectively.

The Gold prize went to the iHuman Youth Society for Uncensored, a program that lets at-risk youth help develop the curriculum for the service providers who work with them.

The RiverWatch Institute of Alberta earned Silver for an education campaign that takes 10,000 students from Edmonton and Calgary on river monitoring field trips each year.

And Partners for Kids and Youth took the Bronze for The Gift Shop, which lets children and youth in the Abbottsfield and Rundle Park communities pick out and wrap a present for their caregivers at Christmas.

"We were honoured to be in such company," said Cal Kullman, the executive director of RiverWatch.

© Copyright (c) The Edmonton Journal