

NEWS RELEASE

Topeka Collegiate Students Nominated for Volunteer Award

Let's Help has nominated Topeka Collegiate middle school students for the *By the People For the People* Volunteer Award for their year-long, twice-a-month community service to Let's Help clients. The winners will be announced at an awards luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16 at Washburn University, in the Washburn Room of the Memorial Union.

In nominating the TCS students, Let's Help's Karen Taylor writes:

“It was refreshing to have young minds volunteer. They were continually coming up with new ways to make the process faster, easier, and more efficient...We all believed this would be a 'win-win' situation and our beliefs were confirmed. The students have shared their Let's Help experiences with others at school, at home with their parents and siblings, their neighbors, and many others. When the volunteers are our young citizens we know we have opened a new door for them to participate in helping those less fortunate.”

As part of their volunteer work, students collected and distributed holiday gifts at Let's Help, assembled books, sorted cans of food and addressed envelopes, among other things. Topeka Collegiate 2009-2010 Student Council President **Maria Kingfisher** and Vice President **Irene Nicolae** will represent their fellow middle school students at the awards luncheon.