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To: Roanoke Valley Youth Leaders and Educators

From: Holly A. Hirst, Executive Director

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Re: Community School's Local Hero Award

In 1995, Community School established the Local Hero Award. The award was inspired to be given to a deserving local hero that had made major contributions to our area though the peaceful means that Martin Luther King, Jr. stood for. In accordance with Community School's child-driven philosophy, the award was and is completely student driven and the actual award is an art piece that is created by our students. We hold our award ceremony on the Friday prior to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday in January. This year's ceremony will be held on Friday, January 15, 2010.

The first eight award recipients were adults. However, in 2007, we changed how we implement our Local Hero Award Program. We chose to honor local young people for the award so that our students, and young people around the valley, could see that children can indeed make a difference in their community, their country, and the world.

As a Roanoke Valley educator or youth leader, you have the impressive job of supporting and celebrating the young people of our region. Please help us recognize the hard-working, compassionate, and determined students in your area by submitting one or several Community School Local Hero Award nominee applications.

Nominees must be between the ages of 10 and 21. Feel free to make copies of the application and to share them with other youth leaders in the valley. Nomination deadline: **November 30, 2009.**

If you have any questions, please call me at 563.5036 or e-mail me at hollyh@communityschool.net. Thank you for taking the time to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the giving nature of Roanoke's children.
