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Kingston Road Runners & Children's Aid Society supporting Youth

Two Kingston secondary school students will be receiving \$500.00 bursaries from the Kingston Road Runners Association at the Children's Aid Society's "Ks4Kids" charity run at the post-race awards ceremony at the St. Lawrence YMCA on June 21, 2009.

The bursaries are to be used for post-secondary education and the award recipients must have had an involvement in high school running and running in community events, as well as being very active as volunteers both in their schools and in the larger community.

This is the first year for the Kingston Road Runners Association (KRRRA) bursaries. Ed Brand, President of KRRRA says, "In addition to its support for Kidsfest, The Andy Fund, KRRRA is very pleased to be able to extend its support of running to high school runners who are pursuing post-secondary education. These students have shown outstanding dedication to their school, their community, to running, as well as to their own education."

The recipients of the KRRRA bursaries this year are: Charly Allan of KCVI and Rosanna Beattie of Frontenac S.S. Both have been dedicated runners at their respective schools. In addition they each have enriched their schools and the community through a high level of volunteerism.

Mr. Allan was a member of the KCVI Student Council, he's acted as a volunteer coach at Calvin Park Elementary School; he has assisted with other community activities such as 40 hour famine, Pennies for Tots, KASSAA Tract Meets, World Harmony Run, CIBC Run for the Cure, and The Relay for Life. He was the co-founder of Goal Patrol – an elementary school program for third world development.

Ms. Beattie has been a track and field volunteer, a member of GNOME (Grade nine orientation mentoring experience), a mentor to new students, a key member of Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving, a KFL&A Health Unit group raising awareness about the dangers of smoking and impaired boating and driving, a tutor at Maplecrest Sempar School, a volunteer coach at Kingston Strider's Speed Skating Club. She was a nominee for the Mayor's Award for Youth Volunteerism.

Ray Muldoon, Executive Director of the Frontenac Children's Aid Society says, "The Frontenac Children's Aid Society in partnership with our community strives to enable youth through the variety of programs and services we offer. Education is a key to enabling youth to achieve their best and it is a pleasure to see an organization such as the Kingston Road Runners Association recognize the accomplishments of local youth. I would like to offer my congratulations to Charly Allan and Rosanna Beattie on their commitment to the community and children and youth in particular."

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