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GOVERNOR MIFFLIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT GROUPS RECEIVE 2010 DIFFERENCE MAKER AWARDS

SHILLINGTON, PA, OCTOBER 2010 - The Alliance for Student Activities has announced that the Governor Mifflin High School Student Government Association and the Governor Mifflin Middle School Student Council received Honorable Mention distinctions in the 2010 DifferenceMaker Awards for their recent community service projects. The student leadership groups at both schools are under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Brady.

The Alliance for Student Activities is a non-profit corporation, comprised of educators and trainers from across the nation, whose mission is to improve education by promoting and supporting the benefits of co-curricular, student programs. A panel representing the Alliance for Student Activities judged the project entries based on five criteria: involvement of the student body, impact of the results on the school or community, creativity of the project, leadership demonstrated by group members, and written quality of the application. The judges awarded two national winners and three honorable mentions.

The high school Student Government Association earned Honorable Mention for its second annual Mini-THON. The event raised over \$30,000 for the Four Diamonds Fund, a fund established for pediatric cancer patients and their families at the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital. The twelve-hour Mini-THON, held in the intermediate school gymnasium, featured games and activities that required students to remain active for the duration of the event. Each student raised money through sponsorship donations from family, friends and the community.

The middle school Student Council received Honorable Mention for its 2009-2010 Keep It! Campaign, for which students created blankets, a book and other items for children in Ivory Park, South Africa. The project was part of a nationwide campaign aiming to inspire young people to develop a spirit of public service, a commitment to common good and a willingness to take a stand, while helping the people of Ivory Park.

The Governor Mifflin School District congratulates both student government groups on their recognition and thanks the faculty, staff, students and community members involved in making a difference through these projects.

The media is invited to report on the DifferenceMaker honors. To schedule a visit or interview, please contact Keri Morton at 610-775-1312 or kmorton@gmsd.k12.pa.us.

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