

On Thursday, November 19th at the Empress Hotel, Gordon Head Middle School was presented with the Youth in Philanthropy Middle School Award which included a \$500 cheque for school programs. This past year the students of Gordon Head Middle School participated in a 12-hour famine to highlight the needs of many of the world's children and to raise money to construct a school in Kenya for disadvantaged children. Three students in the school - Caleigh, Katie and Abby - planned, organized, and executed this event. Under the banner 'Children Helping Children through Education', these students embarked on the most ambitious fundraising project in the history of Gordon Head Middle School. The students at the school created t-shirts, organized guest speakers, planned and hosted a Countdown party and dance, and offered a community BBQ to celebrate the conclusion of the famine and to further galvanize families to their cause. At the end of it all, an amazing \$8,500 was collected to help fund the erection of a new school in Kenya. The work and vision created by Caleigh, Katie, and Abby will continue for years to *come*. Congratulations to Caleigh, Katie and Abby, and thank you to everyone who supported this endeavour. These students were recognized today with a standing ovation from several hundred community leaders.