

# Good News Department

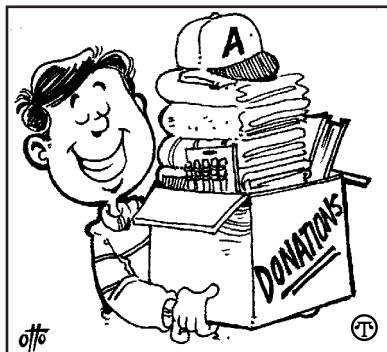
## Young Americans Help Children Around the World

(NAPSA)—America's teens are tackling the challenge of bringing help and hope to the world's poor children—and they're being honored for their efforts.

- Sarah Cayia, 15, of Hampden, Maine, recently launched a school-wide campaign that collected ten large boxes of school supplies for needy children attending a rural school in Bosnia, where her father was serving with the National Guard. Sarah recruited volunteers to help her make collection boxes decorated with pictures and information about Bosnian children. She then placed the boxes in classrooms at their school, and promoted the collection drive with posters, speeches and an advertisement on the school's television station.

- Pedro Lizama, 13, of Washington, D.C., set his sights on helping the poor children of Central America after a visit to El Salvador. When he returned home, Pedro began soliciting donations of gently used clothing, school supplies and other necessities for young Salvadorans. Pedro personally delivered the supplies to more than 30 children during a return visit to the Central American country.

- Hannah Lee, 18, of Missoula, Mont., volunteered for six summers at orphanages in Kenya and a school for underprivileged children in South Africa. She visited an orphanage in Nairobi in 1998 for children afflicted with HIV/



**Heeding the call of volunteer service, America's teens help poor children overseas.**

AIDS and spent the following summer there feeding, bathing and playing with the children. Hannah returned to Africa over the next few years to help make life a little better for its youngest and most vulnerable residents.

For their desire to make a difference in the lives of others—and not letting even thousands of miles stand in their way—Sarah, Pedro and Hannah were honored with this year's Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

Each year, Prudential Financial, in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, presents the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards to youngsters in grades 5-12 who have distinguished themselves through volunteer work. For more information, visit [www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit).