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News Release

AMM Awards Youth Leadership

March 21, 2011 - The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2011 Young Community Leader Award is Samantha Hunter-Garrioch. The AMM presented Ms. Hunter-Garrioch with the award at the Manitoba School Boards Association Celebration of Success evening on March 17.

Samantha, a student in the French Immersion program at Vincent Massey Collegiate, is a Peer Ambassador and co-chair of the school's Youth in Philanthropy Committee. She coordinates both the school's Addiction Awareness Week and 30 Hour Famine, and does work for World Vision.

Samantha is also an enthusiastic community volunteer. The vast number of organizations she is involved with speaks to her dedication: The Fort Garry Women's Resource Centre, Whyte Ridge School Preschool Program, South Winnipeg Family Information Centre Babysitters Training, Children's Hospital Book Market, Cancer Care Craft Centre, the Winnipeg Humane Society Roots and Shoots Training, the Christmas Cheer Board, the Manitoba Marathon, and Luther Village Camp.

Samantha describes herself as a firm believer in the power of one, who believes that every individual has the ability to make change and have their voice heard. She strives to live by the wisdom of Ghandi: "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

"Students like Samantha play a vital role in our communities, and that role will only grow as they become adults," says AMM President Doug Dobrowolski, who presented the award to Samantha. "It is important that we recognize and encourage their contributions, because today's youth are tomorrow's community leaders and builders."

The AMM established the Young Community Leader Award in 2009, in conjunction with the Manitoba School Board Association Citizenship Awards. The Citizenship Awards are given annually to Manitoba students who have demonstrated their commitment to the values of citizenship in both their school and their broader communities. One student from each of the association's geographic regions is selected, and those students become finalists for the AMM award.

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