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Mahalingam Awarded \$1,000 'Kids Who Care' Scholarship

Kohl's Department Stores awarded more than 200 deserving volunteers with \$1,000 scholarships toward post-secondary education on July 7.

Among the four Boston-area winners was one scholarship winner of Indian origin, Krishna "Dylan" Mahalingam of Derry, N.H.

The 2010 Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program winners were selected from among more than 27,000 nominees nationwide for helping to make their communities a better place.

"These kids are doing remarkable work to benefit their local communities," said Julie Gardner, Kohl's executive vice president and chief marketing officer. "As we celebrate the 10th annual Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program, now more than ever, we feel privileged to be in a position to help support the continued education of deserving kids across the country who are making a real difference in the lives of others."



Krishna "Dylan" Mahalingam

Mahalingam, 14, received a \$1,000 scholarship. Dylan founded a nonprofit organization called Lil' MDGs, whose mission is to leverage the power of the Internet to educate, engage, inspire and empower children in all corners of the world to help meet the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Winners were chosen based on initiative, creativity, leadership and generosity. Each regional-level winner also qualifies for one of Kohl's 10 national scholarships, which will be announced at the end of July. This year, Kohl's is increasing the total scholarship amounts to \$10,000 for 10 national winners, and will donate \$1,000 to a nonprofit organization on each winner's behalf. In total, Kohl's will recognize more than 2,100 awardees with more than \$410,000 in scholarships and prizes.

Since the Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program began in 2001, Kohl's has awarded more than 11,000 youth volunteers with more than \$2.2 million in scholarships and prizes. The program is part of Kohl's Cares for Kids, Kohl's philanthropic program focused on improving the lives of children. Kohl's Cares for Kids benefits children's health and education initiatives nationwide through its merchandise program, featuring special books and plush toys where 100 percent of net profit benefits children's initiatives, fundraising gift cards and the A-Team associate volunteer program. For more information or a complete list of Kohl's Kids Who Care regional-level winners, visit www.kohlskids.com.