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DO THE RIGHT THING HONOREE GIVES DESERVING GIRLS BEIBER FEVER! The Spirit of Giving is Alive and Not Just During the Holidays!

MIAMI, FL – DECEMBER 16, 2013 – Twelfth grader Emily Rivera, a student at Robert Morgan Educational Center, doesn't need the holiday season to feel the spirit of giving! She does it all year long. Rivera is one of ten Do The Right Thing Program (DTRT) winners for this month who will be honored on Thursday, December 19th at 10 a.m. in the Miami Police Training Center Auditorium, 350 NW 2nd Avenue.

Emily grew up in a financially strapped home with a single mom. Like many young girls, she had starry eyes for teenage heartthrob Justin Bieber and wanted to see him in concert. The dream of seeing her idol was not an option for Emily until many years later and she never forgot that special day. Emily decided that she wanted to give other young girls the same opportunity. She started small and was able to fund a few young girls to attend a Beiber concert using her own money and those of friends. Emily then reached out through Twitter and found girls in need, many with heartfelt stories. In 2011, Emily heard about a girl named Jasmin who was blind and whose one dream was to meet Justin Bieber. It was a year-long process and Emily made it happen. In the last two years, Emily has helped four more girls meet Justin Bieber, all of whom had cancer, and two who passed on shortly after their wish was granted. In the summer of 2012, Emily officially started a charity to help underprivileged fans of Justin Bieber get tickets to see him. Since Emily founded her charity, she and her friends have raised over \$5,000 and have given away 105 tickets to fans in need.

Each month, the Miami Police Department's Do The Right Thing Program honors 10 outstanding students for their positive behavior, accomplishments and good deeds. The program has directly impacted over 215,000 since its inception in 1990.

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