March Is Women's History Month

Young History Maker

Saquria Grant

Keeps Service To Others At The Top Of Her List

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For the past three years, Saquria Grant, 13, has been a member of the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy youth group sponsored by Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The Youth Group Advisors value her hard work and commitment to being a leader among her peers.

Saguria, an 8th grader at Valleywood Middle School, is on the honor roll, is a cheerleader, and plays the flute. She volunteers in the community and her at her school, giving back to those who are less fortunate.

Saquria volunteers with her Delta Academy sisters giving back to senior citizens. She gives of her time to let the seniors know that someone cares. Many do not have families to visit, but seeing her warms their spirits. She sings during the Christmas holiday, serves them refreshments, and gives gifts.

At school, she plays the flute. She noticed that some of her fellow students do not have the opportunity to purchase an instrument, so she takes time to clean instruments that have been donated to those who can't afford them. This is not required, but is something she does to ensure that others can play and have a clean instrument.

She also mentors younger students. Aware of those who have had a tough time growing up, she spends time with them helping to build their self-esteem. Saquria is a big sister to young girls and serves as a friend that they need to help them along the way. As a result, they see the leader in her and want to excel.

Put The Spotlight On Up and Coming History Makers

Each week, in March, The Grand Rapids Times will spotlight young Black females, ages 13 - 21, who, through their participation in youth groups, are demonstrably benefitting others through their leadership and volunteer service in the community.

This week's feature is the first in the series. Individual members and / or officers of community organizations that sponsor youth groups or youth initiatives that are interested in identifying "up and coming" youth are invited to call 245-8737 for more details.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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