



## Community Service Awarded

December 28, 2008

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart recently honored two students at Brother Rice High School in Chicago with the Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor.

The award is given to young people throughout Cook County who contributed at least 100 hours of volunteer service to their communities.

Brother Rice senior Kendall West, of Beverly, completed more than 100 hours of volunteer service at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park.

Junior Joe Alfano, of Beverly, served his 100 hours of service at three different locations.

First, Alfano volunteered 55 hours at **Smith Village** Nursing Home where he visited residents.

Then he spent his spring break in Mexico and volunteered 18 hours helping at a school in a small rural town.

Finally, over the summer, Alfano went to Australia and spent 30 hours helping marine biologists doing research on the Minke whale. Alfano, a certified scuba diver, observed the whales from 60 feet under water.