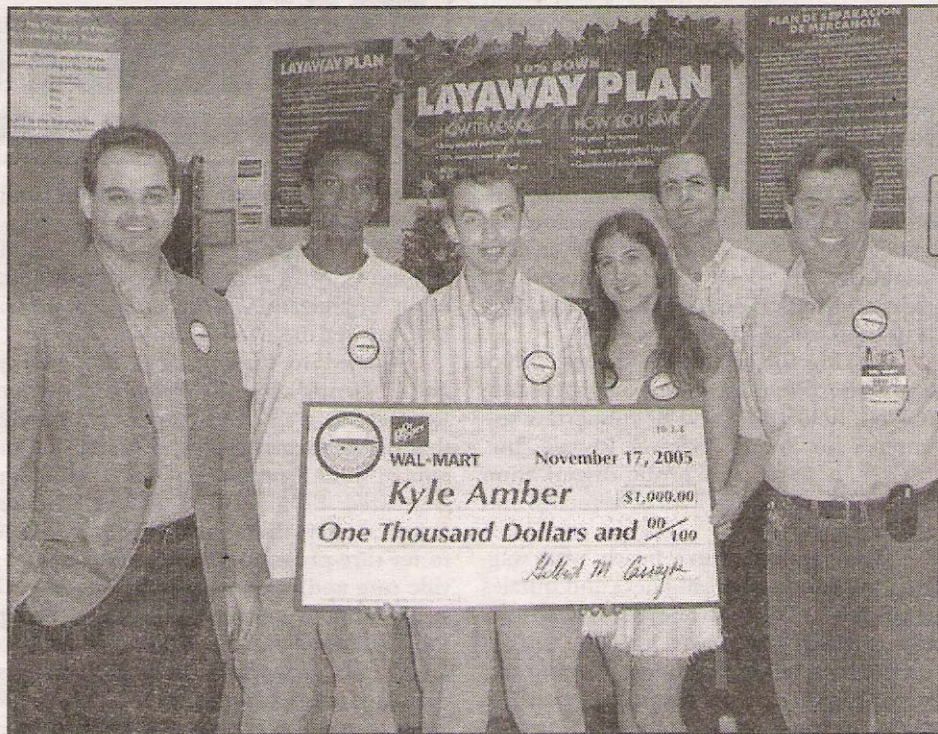


# Palmetto High student wins Teen Voice Award



Pictured (l-r) are Shannon Brienza, Business Development manager, Pepsi Bottling Group; Philippe Siclait, member of Kids That Care, Miami-Palmetto High; Kyle Amber, president of Kids That Care, Miami-Palmetto and award winner; Lauren Landy, member of Kids That Care, Miami-Palmetto; Cliff Thomas, national account executive, Wal-Mart Team, Cadbury Schweppes, and Ernest Lopez Jr., assistant manager, Wal-Mart.

## BY ROBERT HAMILTON

Kyle Amber, of Pinecrest, a junior at Miami-Palmetto Senior High School, has been named the first place winner of the national Dr. Pepper and Wal-Mart Teen Voice Award Contest.

The contest recognizes teens who are "gutsy, outspoken, compassionate," and who go "above and beyond to make a difference."

Kyle's entry was chosen as the top essay by an independent panel of

judges. In honor of his dedication, Dr. Pepper donated \$1,000 to Kids That Care, the nonprofit student-run organization Kyle formed dedicated to improving the lives of children with cancer. Kids That Care is an affiliate of the Jackson Memorial Foundation.

Dr. Pepper featured Kyle in its ad in the November issue of *Teen People* magazine. The check was presented to Kyle on Nov. 17 at the Wal-Mart at 15885 N. Kendall Dr. in West Kendall by assistant manager Ernest Lopez Jr.