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The Young Icons

Episode #1008

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Participants: **Teagan Stedman – “Shred Kids Cancer” Founder**

Clara Polito – Vegan Baker

Andrew Franklin – Martial Artist

Alanalee Hamilton - Singer

General Synopsis for Episode #1008

In this episode of ‘Young Icons’ stories are shared of dedication to help and inspire others. The guests open up the personal side of their journey and what made them decide to pursue their goals. **Teagan Stedman** is an 11 year old who founded the Shred Kids Cancer nonprofit charity that helps fund cancer research. Through fundraising events like Shr3dfest, which is a battle of the bands contest, the charity has raised over \$40,000. He feels other young teens look up to him because he doesn’t quit; he thinks big and believes in what he is doing. When fourteen year-old **Clara Polito** became a vegan she realized it was hard to find vegan bakery goods. She taught herself how to bake and created her own bakery service called Clara’s Cakes. She helps out the Animal Rights Movement by baking for events. As a businesswoman, she markets her bake goods on vegan blogs. As an 8 year old, **Andrew Franklin** entered his first martial arts competition and won 1st place at the US Open Stage. Through strong mentorship, he has learned how to focus and train mentally and physically. His mom feels Andrew is a ‘young icon’ because he does not give up, he tries hard and he goes after his dreams. Fourteen-year-old singer, **Alana Hamilton** started singing lessons at the age of 8. As a professional singer, she has had to learn to take direction, listen to others ideas and go with the flow sometimes. Her manager recognizes her parent support will help assist her through her career ups and downs. She wants to act and sing and knows she needs to work hard for it to happen.

Observation and Conclusion

In episode #1008, teens will relate to these high achievers who are compassionate, caring and focused role models that will inspire them to go after their dreams. This episode of The Young Icons delivers an educational and informational message that supports current social, intellectual and emotional aspects of children ages 13 and up. Attributes and advice emphasized by guests instill a grounded balance of priorities, commitment, and perseverance children can apply to their lives.

Sincerely,



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