



April 11, 2007

**Amity Paye, Jamaica Plain Representative on the Mayor's Youth Council was honored by Teen Voices Magazine as their Teen Activist of the Year.**

**AMPLIFY!** was an exciting celebration of *Teen Voices'* 16th year of publication. More than 250 supporters, community leaders, and media partners came together on April 11, 2007 to recognize and honor teen girls as powerful voices for social justice and leaders of change.

Held on the 36th floor of the State Street Corporation in downtown Boston, **AMPLIFY!** recognized the incredible work and legacy of Intergenerational Activists **Sarah-Ann Shaw** and **Klare Shaw**, and Teen Activist of the Year, **Amity Paye**. Massachusetts **Attorney General Martha Coakley**, the state's first female Attorney General, was the keynote speaker, and spoke of the importance of programming like Teen Voices to give teen girls opportunities for leadership development.

The feeling of commitment and community in the room was amazing. And it just got better when the Teen Voices' Peer leaders gave an inspiring and emotional performance of **AMPLIFY!**, a poetic tribute to Teen Voices.



## Teen Activist of the Year Award

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The **Teen Activist of the Year Award** recognizes a young woman who intentionally makes a difference in her community and in the world. A teen activist has innovative ideas and inspires those around her with her leadership and vision. She also acknowledges and works to change injustices such as sexism, racism, classism and heterosexism.

In 2007, Teen Voices honors a powerful teen for her outstanding work for the City of Boston through the Mayor's Youth Council as well as her former work as a Peer Leader at Teen Voices.

### Amity Paye

Amity Paye started her activist life with Teen Voices in 2003, first as a Teen Editor and then as a Peer Leader. Amity has expanded her activities to include working with Artists for Humanity; participating in house reconstruction in New Orleans; and representing Jamaica Plain on the Mayor's Youth Council where she connects teens to resources in their community, organizes the annual Mayor's Youth summit, and works with city officials to address the issues of teen violence. Additionally, Amity designs her own clothing line, Ampd Designs, and has conducted research on the immune systems of monkeys at Harvard Medical School. A senior at Boston Latin, Amity is awaiting college acceptances from several Ivy League universities.

