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**Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Ambassador Adele Taylor Receives HALO Award in Recognition of Her Founding “Adele’s Literary Library”**

(NEW JERSEY – November 14, 2011) — Adele Taylor, founder of Adele’s Literary Library and an ambassador of [Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership](#), has been named a 2011 recipient of the HALO award, which recognizes and celebrates outstanding teenagers throughout the country who are “Helping and Leading Others” (HALO).

A resident of Williamstown, New Jersey, Taylor, 16, grew up understanding the value of literacy. After learning that one in five adults can’t read, she created Adele’s Literary Library with the goal of promoting literacy among people of all ages. She attended a HOBYS seminar in New Jersey earlier this year and is currently working with several other HOBYS alumni to make her program available throughout the state of New Jersey.

Taylor received her HALO award at a star-studded event at the Hollywood Palladium in Los Angeles which featured, among others, Mary J. Blige, Jason Derulo, Heidi Klum, Serena Williams, Stephen Moyer, Victoria Justice, Ariel Winter and host Nick Cannon. During the event Taylor was serenaded by Derulo who dedicated his hit song, “It Girl,” to her in recognition of her commitment to promoting literacy. Taylor also received a grant for her cause and a scholarship. In addition, Target donated 25,000 books to three deserving Newark schools in support of Adele’s Literary Library.

“We are very proud of Adele, just as we are proud of all of our ambassadors who are making a difference in the lives of others,” said HOBYS President and CEO Javier LaFianza. “Adele embodies the spirit of HOBYS by demonstrating that the youth of America are not just the leaders of tomorrow but can be the leaders of today. Through Adele’s Literary Library she is showing the value of service and in caring for a cause greater than one’s self.”

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For more than 50 years, Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership has helped to cultivate tomorrow’s leaders by inspiring a global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. HOBY programs annually provide nearly 10,000 local and international high school students the opportunity to participate in unique leadership training, service learning and motivation-building experiences. HOBY also provides adults the opportunity to make a significant impact on the lives of youth by volunteering, and today more than 4,000 volunteers and over 365,000 alumni proudly make up the HOBY family. Further information on HOBY may be obtained at [www.hoby.org](http://www.hoby.org).

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