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Liberty Graduate Matt Ferguson Honored with TeenNick HALO Award

Awards Event Hosted by TeenNick Chairman Nick Cannon Tapes November 17 in Hollywood, California, and Premieres November 19 on Nick at Nite

November 14, 2012, Hillsboro, Ore. – Liberty High School graduate Matthew Ferguson (class of 2012) is one of four outstanding teens who will be recognized with a TeenNick HALO Award on Saturday, November 17, at the Hollywood Palladium in Los Angeles, California.

Matt has received broad recognition for his charity, Matt’s Chemo Comfort Bags, which he started at the age of 15 in response to his mother’s battle with invasive breast cancer. Nickelodeon had already arranged to fly Matt up from Northern Arizona University, where he is now attending college, to shoot some footage of him putting his comfort bags together with former classmates who are carrying on the work of his charity, under the auspices of wanting to showcase his work on a segment about teens doing exceptional things.

That filming was taking place at Liberty High School on Monday, October 1, when a surprise visitor—Nick Cannon, of film’s “Drumline” and TV’s “Wild N’Out” and “America’s Got Talent” fame—entered the room dressed as the school’s mascot. Mr. Cannon was there to surprise Matt with the news that he had earned a HALO—“Helping and Leading Others”—award, which came with a \$10,000 donation to his charity and a trip to Hollywood for the ceremony.

Additional information is contained in the accompanying press release from Nickelodeon.

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