

## Film Contest Winners

### Biographies

**Dayna Jondal** - Grand Prize winner for *Old Cloth*.

I attend Austin High School in Austin, MN. I am really involved in all kinds of orchestra activities and was principle violist in All-State orchestra. I am also an active student and involved with many extracurricular activities including forensics, drama, knowledge bowl, art club, choir, church, the school newspaper, and a program called Students First, which highlights high school news in our area. Recently I've taken to learning golf and, naturally, filmmaking, which has been an entirely new and exciting experience. I really enjoy writing, music, and being with good friends and family, who have been an excellent support system for me... particularly parts of my "extended" family, who inspired the documentary.

**Alicia Butler** - Special Jury Award winner for *Welcome to my Unhappy Streets*.

I have always been involved in my community ever since I could remember. As a young African American female of Bayview Hunters Point [San Francisco], I have noticed that there is a lot of improvement needed in my community. Growing up in Bayview, has had its ups and downs but the most important thing for me is what you can learn from the downs to turn it into an up. Working at BAVC was one of the best opportunities I could have ever encountered. This experience has allowed me to create a film that would show people the oppression that youth like myself face everyday in high-risk neighborhoods.

The film show people the different ways youth in Bayview try to survive. I thought that the film was a way to express my feelings and in my hope of helping my community turn around. I have been affected by the violence in Bayview Hunters Point and more affected by the unsolved homicide rate; this has been my downs in Bayview because I have known a lot of youth that have been killed. The ups is what can we do to STOP the violence in the community. So, I decided to show people and allow them to be in my shoes. One day MY UNHAPPY STREETS will turn into MY SAFE AND HAPPY STREETS.

**Charles Suh** – Special Jury Award winner for *What is a Neighborhood?*

Now a student at the University of California – Davis, Charles made the film as a member of the Bay Area Video Coalition – Youthlink program.