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YWCHSB congratulates the winners of the 2010 Great Melon Splat competition.

Whitehorse: YWCHSB congratulates the approximately 100 people who participated and attended the second annual Great Melon Splat competition at Shipyards Park on Sunday, May 9, 2010.

The competition is part of the **No Regrets** program, a peer leadership initiative promoting smart risk in high schools across Canada. It trains youth leaders and their staff advisers to run injury prevention activities and events in their schools to promote safety messages.

In this event, participants had to build a helmet from material provided to protect the melon inside. The helmeted melons were dropped at various heights from a scissor lift to graphically demonstrate what could happen to your head if you were in a bike crash without wearing a helmet.

Almost 20 teams competed. They were composed of students, community organizations, service groups and corporate groups such as the City of Whitehorse Bylaw division (who would have donated their winnings to the Food Bank) and Yukon Energy (who would have donated their winnings to the Girl Guides).

The winners were students Nicola Lazeo-Fairman and Amaya Cherian-Hull. They have yet to decide to what group or school they will donate the \$1,000 in prize money.

Thanks to the three main student organizers from F.H. Collins Secondary School and Vanier Catholic Secondary School, Alex Ordonez-Simmons, Keshah Austin and Kelsey Hassard along with teachers Myriane Parker, Scott Kerby and Andrea Chou.

YWCHSB would also like to acknowledge the Real Canadian Superstore in Whitehorse and the Nisutlin Trading Post of Teslin for donating the melons used. Further thanks go out to Icycle Sports of Whitehorse for donating \$10 gift certificates and to Versatile Rentals for providing the scissor lift.

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