

"Let the Children Speak"

The Acadian Memorial was one of twenty-six organizations throughout the country to have received The History Channel Grant - Save Our History. As one of ten finalists, additional funds were granted for participating teachers and students to travel to Washington, D.C.

On June 5, The History Channel hosted an awards luncheon moderated by Cokie Roberts. Lowe's Community Award, a \$10,000 cash prize, was awarded to the Acadian Memorial, the group that displayed superior commitment to their project and community. First Lady Laura Bush personally met with the Acadian Memorial delegation to congratulate them. The students were so proud of this recognition for their outstanding work.

The old adage, "*children should be seen and not heard,*" no longer holds true for the Acadian children portrayed on the mural "Acadians Arrival in Louisiana" by Robert Dafford. Students researched and wrote their stories in both English and French. These "first-person" accounts were recorded and now those once-silent figures will speak to the hearts of all who hear them. Visitors to the Acadian Memorial will learn history in a new way.

The unveiling of the award winning "**Let the Children Speak**" will be on August 15th, National Day of the Acadians at 7:00 P.M. You are invited for this event; we are looking forward to seeing you then.