

PWP 2019 Writing Contest Winners

Walberta Park School Classroom:



CHARITY WRITING CONTEST: GRADES K-1

Name: Ms. Klee's Class Grade: K

Teacher: Ms. Klee

Dear Judges,

I think the PWP Race Committee should give money to this charity:

Misfits Animal Rescue and Sanctuary

^{because} Misfits helps animals to feel better. They help animals who are hurt or sick and find them a home. They show the Positivity traits of hope, optimism, love, and kindness. We hope you will support this wonderful charity.

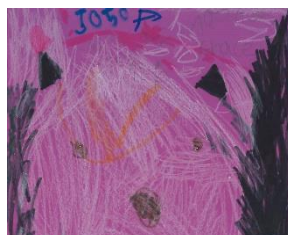
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Ms. Klee's Class

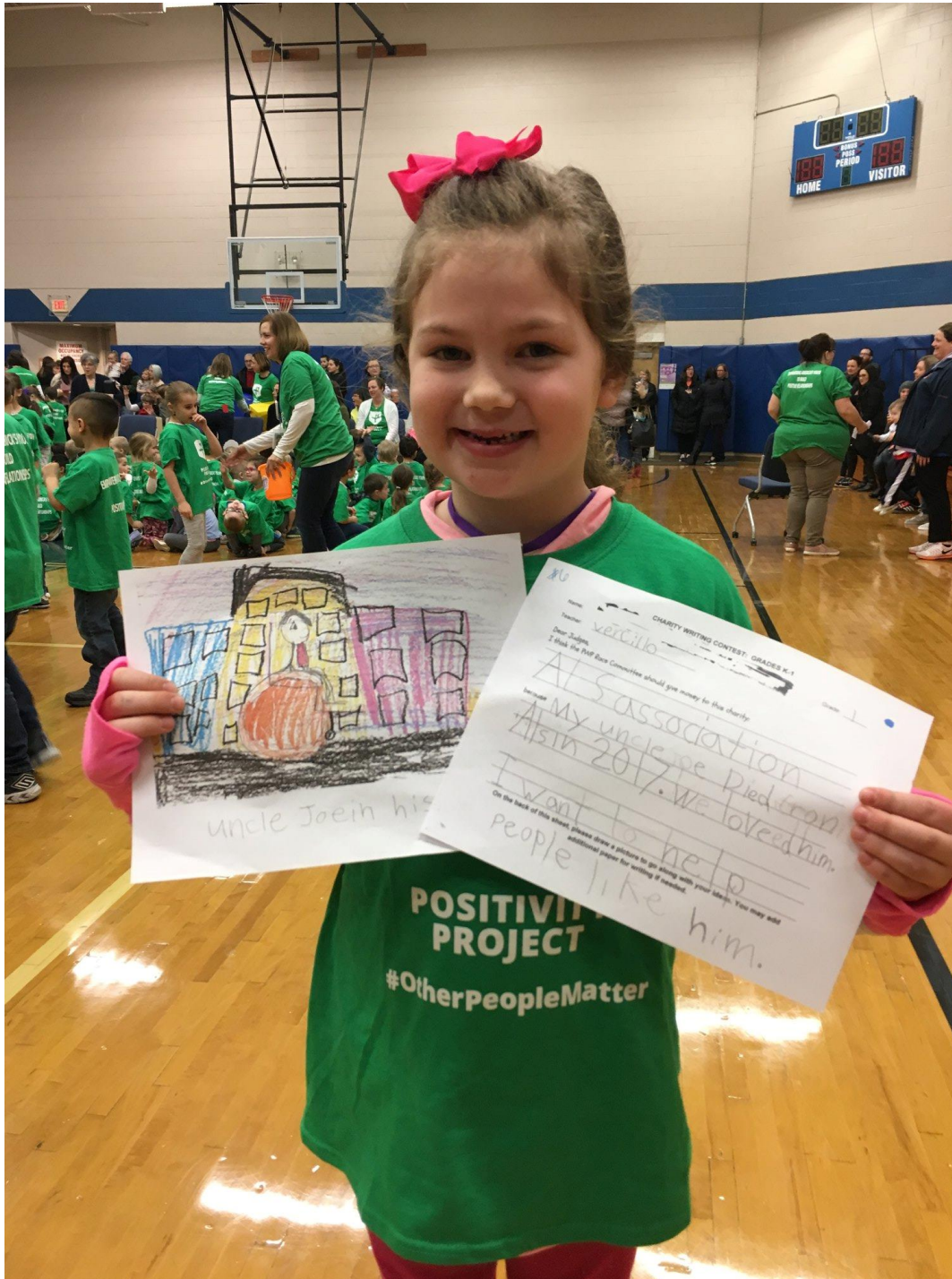
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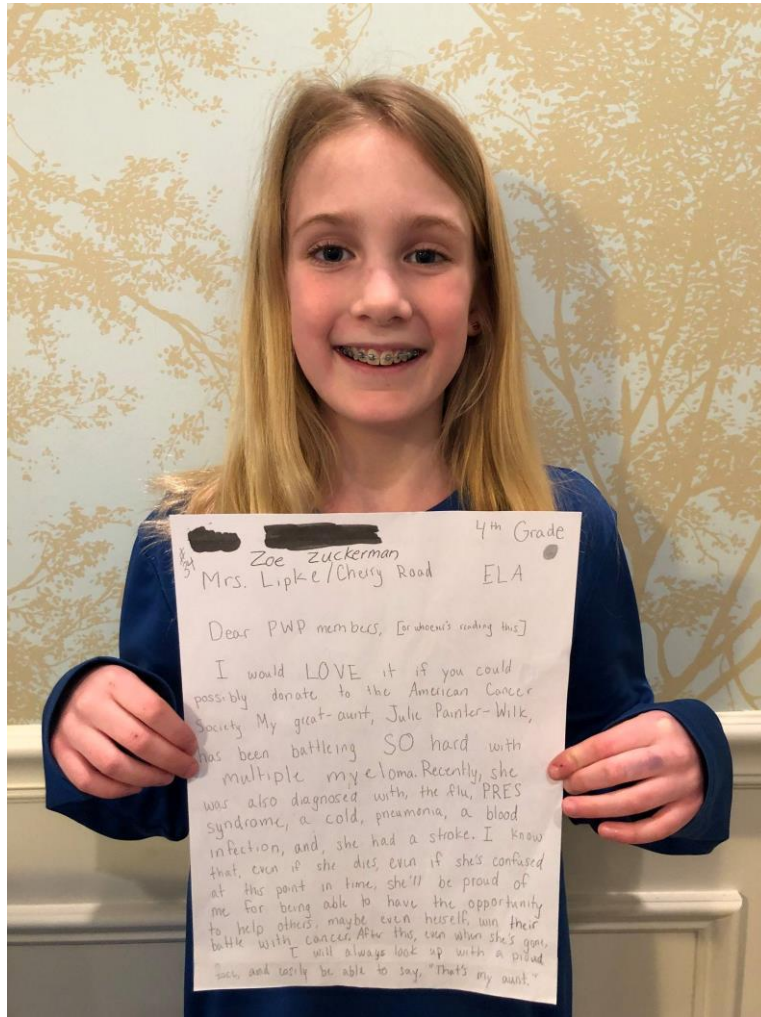
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Walberta Park School Individual:



Cherry Road School Individual:



5th Mrs. Lipke/Cherry Road ELA

Dear PWP members, [for whom's reading this]

I would LOVE it if you could possibly donate to the American Cancer Society. My great-aunt, Julie Painter-Wilk, has been battling SO hard with multiple myeloma. Recently, she was also diagnosed with the flu, PRES syndrome, a cold, pneumonia, a blood infection, and she had a stroke. I know that, even if she dies, even if she's confused at this point in time, she'll be proud of me for being able to have the opportunity to help others, maybe even herself, win their battle with cancer. After this, even when she's gone, I will always look up with a proud

face, and easily be able to say, "That's my aunt."

Onondaga Hill Middle School Individual:



Iris Markham

8th grade


Mrs. Derrenbacher

Breast cancer is a deadly disease that takes the live of one person in the world every 19 seconds. In May of 2009, when I was just 4, my mom received the dreaded call. She had breast cancer. My mom was terrified, angry, and couldn't seem to answer the question, why me? Being only 4, I didn't understand why my mom would send us to play in the basement or why papers covered my dining room table. I didn't know what breast cancer was or what it could have done to my mom. After researching her options she made a decision that was best for her and her family. Today, she can proudly tell you she is a survivor. My grandma and my aunt are also survivors. Every year my family runs in the Susan G. Komen's Race for the Cure. My Mom is the co-chairman for the survivor tent at the race. My sister and I volunteer in the tent where we do small tasks like passing out food. A few years ago my mom was nominated to speak at the event, and to tell her story. Susan G. Komen is nonprofit foundation that is transforming "how the world treats and talks about breast cancer." Susan G. Komen has funded more research than any other nonprofit foundation, so they have donated more than 988 million dollars to research. Additionally, they help those with the fewest resources. Women without insurance, little insurance, low income, and men and women unable to access care. Komen also educates people about breast cancer and helps them make the best decisions for themselves. Komen has funded more than 2.2 billion dollars in education, screening, and treatment. They have served millions in 60 countries around the world. This charity's money goes to more effective treatments, better tools to diagnose breast cancer, improving the quality of life for patients, the study of breast

cancer, and preventing breast cancer. Komen educates, helps those with little resources, and researches breast cancer to find a cure. In conclusion, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is taking the steps necessary to make a change and soon find a cure.

Westhill High School Individual:



My personal connection with Donate Life America involves Riley Thayer. The  organization means so to me because if more people were organ donors I would still have my best friend with me. She was rather shy, so not many Westhill students got to know her as well as I did. Once you got to know her, she could make you laugh in a second and was always so positive. Losing her was the worst thing to ever happen to me, and two years later I still think about her every day. Donating to this organization could prevent more people from going through heartbreak and losing one they love. Riley passed away just a few hours before receiving a new liver after spending months in the hospital. I talked to her the day before and she was so hopeful. Receiving the call the next morning broke my heart. I, being so close with Riley, am able to say that she was truly an amazing person with such a bright future. She was going to make the world so much brighter for so many more people. It's our responsibility to donate to Donate Life America to prove that Westhill never forgets their fallen warriors and to decrease the chances of someone else going through the pain that Riley, her family, and friends had to go through while waiting for so long for an organ donation that if was received just a few hours earlier we would still have our sweet Riley.

It would be amazing if our community could donate to Donate Life America. It would mean so much to me and everyone else that knew Riley. Let's fulfill her legacy and make the world a better place for those in need of a transplant. Think about how good we could feel after donating to such a hard working and important organization in memory of Riley Thayer and others that have been lost.

On average, twenty-two people die each day waiting for an organ transplant. Almost 115,000 people are on the waiting list with another name added approximately every ten minutes("Organ"). PWP should consider donating to Donate Life America because it is usually an overlooked issue and Westhill has personal connections that should be kept in mind.

Donate Life America is a nonprofit organization that's mission is to increase the number of donors to save and heal lives. Over the past twenty-five years, Donate Life America (DLA) has registered over 145 million adults as organ donors ("Organ"). This statistic proves that they are a hard working group and will not waste the money donated. They were founded in 1992 and have since increased their research and have aligned with Donate Life brand.

PWP should donate to this organization for a number of reasons. One reason is because they are an incredibly large and growing organization. They need support to keep expanding their research to heal lives. Another reason is because liver and kidney disease kills over 120,000 people each year, more than Alzheimer's, breast cancer, and prostate cancer. Not only is the need for more organ donors a growing problem, Westhill lost senior Riley Thayer just hours before she was going to get an organ transplant. With our help, Donate Life America can do more research and find more donors to make the difference between those couple hours Riley had to wait. Westhill/WPW should chose DLA to donate to in honor of our fallen warrior.