

First Place

**Lindsey Wilson**

Beyond the Dream

When I think of Martin Luther King Jr., and all that he's done for the world, I think of my grandpa, Donald Slominski.

Grandpa is a kind, loving, supportive, outgoing person. Grandpa makes friends with whomever he meets from new neighbors to the cashier at the grocery store.

My grandfather volunteers for many things which he enjoys. He volunteers at the church by serving the Eucharist and reading from the Bible, and at the hospital, taking care of all the preemie babies. Grandpa is the "ask me" volunteer at the airport. He used to read books to my preschool; everyone loved him and called him "Grandpa Don."

You may think my grandpa is a busy man, but he never forgets about his six grandchildren. Any day that grandpa is not volunteering, he plays with my cousins and me. We love to have him around us; he always has a joke or story to tell us. Grandpa makes a difference in this world by helping his community, and loving his family. I can't picture one of my soccer games without my grandpa there, cheering me on.

When I grow up, I want to have some of the qualities my grandfather has, and I want to go beyond the dream.

Second Place

**Shelby Dana**

My mom, Celeste Dana, goes “beyond the dream.” She teaches people to play the violin. She is also a part of a singing group, the “Notations,” that goes to retirement homes to cheer up people at Christmas time.

The world is better because of my mom because more people play violin and more people are happy. I think my mom does wonderful things.

I am learning from her how to be a good violinist and I am learning how to just be a better person. She helps me with schoolwork and friends or any other problem I might have.

Because of my mom, I envision many wonderful violinists and happy people in the future. My mother goes as far “beyond the dream” as you can go.

Third Place

**Emmalyn Hembold**

The person that has the best leadership qualities is my grandmother. She gives up her time to take me and my sister, Colette, shopping, and babysits my brother, Dawson, on Fridays. She goes with the flow and is very good with Dawson. He loves her. She gives help whenever it is needed and does whatever my grandfather wants.

I am learning to become a good babysitter from her. I am also learning to go with the flow.

My grandmother makes the world better by making less stress in the family, which makes it seem like the whole world is calmer.

My vision of how I will have grown up with her in my life is that I will babysit for my kids and help in church. I will also treat every one equally. My grandmother is one of the greatest people in the world.