

**Philip Janasz**  
**First Place**

**My Role Model**

My mom's father, my grandpa, during World War II was a twelve year old boy. At that age, he did wonderful things to help the prisoners at Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Oswiecim, Poland. What he did to help them was thrown boxes full of food, clothing, and medication to help them survive the horrible, nasty camp. Doing this, my grandpa risked his life because if he was caught by one of the soldiers, he would have been killed.

Also at that time, if a prisoners would escape he would take them to his home and provide them with food, shelter, clothing, and medication. When the prisoners would get better and able to walk again, my grandpa would help them leave. Sometimes the soldiers came to his house and asked if there were any civilians at the house. Keeping the prisoners at his house would risk his life and his families lives. My grandpa was brave then and still is today.

My grandpa now is seventy-six years old and lives in Krakow, Poland. He is a retired architect. Now he helps people by giving them clothes and food. He inspires me to be an architect when I grow up and to give people I see on the streets food and clothing I do not wear, like he does.

My grandpa is my role model because of his courageous acts in the face of danger. I still visit him every year in Poland. The Concentration Camp has been closed since 1945.

**Annie McGeorge**  
**Second Place**

**Helping Others**

Sometimes there are people in your lives that inspire you without knowing it. Jan Hoeschler is this person for me. Jan serves in many areas in the community. She is very involved in the Helping Hands organization. They help homeless families get back on their feet by providing housing, employment, and they even have tutoring services for children. Jan is there weekly giving them her time. She's also a regular volunteer at the Andre House. She prepares and serves dinner to homeless people. She is involved in countless other things, but keeps it to herself.

Jan Hoeschler has inspired me to become more involved in my community. Because of her, my mother and I have joined a mother daughter volunteer organization called National Charity League. Throughout Middle School and High School. I will have completed a wide range of volunteering. This year I will be working at St. Mary's Food Bank. We pack boxes filled with food for families in need. We are also going to have a Turkey Drive during the holidays. I already treasure my volunteer experiences and I look forward to many more. I have Jan to thank for being such an incredible role model to me, and for inspiring me to volunteer my time helping those that are less fortunate than me.

Jan  
Caring Volunteer  
Serving, involved, role-model  
Andre House and Helping Hands  
Humble

Inspiration  
Mom, Annie  
Mother Daughter Volunteer  
Wide range of volunteering  
Grateful

**Hannah McDonald**  
**Third Place**

**My Inspiration**

What comes to mind when you think of Martin Luther King Jr.? I personally think of heroism, sincerity, devotion, strength, intelligence, and love. The list goes on and on! One person in my life that has similar qualities is my mom, Kelly McDonald.

My mom has strong morals and beliefs that she tries to instill in my sisters and I. She also tries daily to help someone in need. For example, my mom keeps care packs in her car to give to homeless people when she passes them on the street. My mom also is a very strong person who defends what she knows is right.

When Arizona had a massive fire two years ago, my mom cleaned out the grocery store of all of the cookie and brownie mix. She baked hundreds of homemade treats for all the hard working firemen. She knows what she is good at and uses that for the good of others.

She has taught me to be a strong person and to learn the facts before you judge something. "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter." This is a quote by Martin Luther King Jr. that tells me that you have got to stand up for what you believe in and never give up. My mom has impacted my life by showing me how to live life to the fullest and I aspire to follow in her footsteps.