

First Place

MacKenzie Magee

My Grandpa

My grandpa is very kind and compassionate because he buys like from thrift stores like Goodwill, Savers, and Desert Industries. Then he goes home and fixes the bikes up and gives them to homeless people and to people that don't have a bike to ride. This act of kindness that my Grandpa does brightens a lot of unfortunate childrens' day.

I envision myself trying to do the same as my Grandpa someday, and make a difference as Martin Luther King, Jr. did.

I really look up to my Grandpa as a hero for taking the time to help others.

Second Place

Elaine Boustila

My Leader

When I think of a leader, I think of my grandpa! My grandpa was always there for me. He never missed my soccer games. He was a father to sixteen children and a grandfather to thirty-five children. He always made time for everybody. My grandpa was always calm in chaotic situations. He was wise, loving, strong, and helpful. Everybody loved and respected him for that.

There are so many experiences I had with my grandpa! One of them was the time when he gave me a box full of old books of my mom's from when she was a child and a big envelope full of greeting cards he had received over some time. He knew I loved to read and make artwork with cutting up things. My grandpa understood me and knew I would appreciate his simple gift that took some time to collect. He made me so happy.

My grandpa influenced me. He does this to me because he is kind and did loving things. He had a special name for all his grand kids. Mine was, Ernestein. He would call me that anytime he needed me to help him or when he was talking about me to someone. I could hear the pride in his voice. He made me feel special and capable of doing anything I wanted. Whenever I feel like shouting or being cruel to others, I think of my grandpa. He wouldn't want me to do those things. I don't want to do things, either. I want to be kind, and loving like him. Even if it's hard sometimes.

I love my leader! My grandpa! He's kind, generous, loving and willing to spend time with me. I will always cherish the memories we had together. My grandpa will always be my leader.

Third Place

Ashtyn Coyle

A Person of Service and Leadership

I've decided to write about Julie Patterson, a friend of mine. I have known Julie Patterson for the past six years. She is a figure skating coach and the Director of Skating for the Alltel Ice Den. She has made people's dreams come true, encouraging us as if we were her own children. She has truly made a difference in people's lives that she has touched.

Julie is a person of good deeds and hope. Last year she succeeded in becoming an American citizen and takes great pride in being one. She was very excited to vote for the first time for the President of the United States! She organized a group and walked in the "Race for the Cure" on behalf of her best friend Wendy, who is recovering from breast cancer. She stayed with her during her surgery and chemotherapy.

Julie also helps "Special needs" kids learn to skate. She gives them confidence to do well. She also lets others who can skate help too. This makes us feel real good to help others.

Julie makes the most of her life! She is a great person in our world. Personally, she is my skating coach. Julie has made a big change in my life. I've done great things because of her encouragement and she helps me to be a better person. I am very proud to have known her almost all my life. I hope I will be able to do great deeds and give hope to others in my life, just like Julie has shown me.