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**National Philanthropy Week begins November 10**  
**National Philanthropy Day is November 15**

**Second Annual National Philanthropy Week Essay Contest**

- All four county school corporations invited to participate in essay contest (Cloverdale did not participate this year).
- Entries accepted from middle school (7<sup>th</sup> grade) students in four school corporations
- Writing Prompt: The Philanthropist I Know Personally and Admire The Most

**2008 participating 7<sup>th</sup> grade schools and teachers**

- North Putnam – Susan Trent [strent@nputnam.k12.in.us](mailto:strent@nputnam.k12.in.us)
- South Putnam – Micah Elliott [elliottmi@sputnam.k12.in.us](mailto:elliottmi@sputnam.k12.in.us)
- Greencastle – Dawn Huber [DHuber@greencastle.k12.in.us](mailto:DHuber@greencastle.k12.in.us)

**Prizes**

- Student Grand Prize Winner (1): \$150 grant to charity of choice
- Student Finalists (5): \$50 grant to charity of choice
- The middle school of the Grand Prize essay receives an unrestricted grant of \$500

**Criteria for award**

- Typed -- 500 words max
- Demonstrated understanding of philanthropist and philanthropy
- Quality of story
- Grammar
- Spelling
- Punctuation
- Organization

**Process for selecting winner**

1. Middle school English teachers give writing assignment to class
2. Each school corporation chooses two finalists
3. School corporations obtain permission from parents to print essays and photos in paper.
4. School corporations send finalist essays to Community Foundation along with photos and permission to publish slips from parents and students.
5. CF staff prepares blind copies for reviewers
6. Essay contest judges review essays with no knowledge of identity of writers and select the grand prize winner from the finalists.

**Essay contest judges: Jinsie Bingham, Therese Cunningham, Louis Fontaine, Shannon Norman.**

**Grand Prize Winner: Tyler Nield -- “Understanding Philanthropy with My Grandpa”**

School: South Putnam Middle School

Teacher: Micah Elliott

Philanthropist:

Charity: Mary Allison Children’s Fund

Philanthropist: Grandpa

**Finalists (5):**

**Abigal Wilson – “The Philanthropist I Admire”**

School: Greencastle Middle School

Teacher: Dawn Huber

Charity: Humane Society of Putnam County

Philanthropist: Becky Greenlee

**Hannah Gellman – “My Philanthropist -- Sharon Crary”**

School: Greencastle Middle School

Teacher: Dawn Huber

Charity: Community Technology Enhancement Program

Philanthropist: Sharon Crary

**Alex Land – “An Amazing Philanthropist”**

School: North Putnam Middle School

Teacher: Susan Trent

Charity: Away Home Shelter

Philanthropist: Grandma Kathy

**Alyssa Fritz – “The Philanthropist I Know Personally and Admire the Most”**

School: North Putnam

Teacher: Susan Trent

Charity: Hope’s Way

Philanthropist: Edna Chestnut

**Alexis Carter – “Raccoons Running in the House”**

School: South Putnam Middle School

Teacher: Micah Elliott

Charity: Humane Society of Putnam County

Philanthropist: Mother, Carolyn Carter