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Headline: 7th Grade Philanthropy Essay Winner Announced

Katie Hewitt's essay about Becky Brother's work with youth is the Grand Prize winner of the Community Foundation's National Philanthropy Week Essay Contest. Miss Hewitt is a student in Micah Elliott's 7th Grade Class at South Putnam Jr. Sr. High School. In recognition of her accomplishment, South Putnam will receive a grant of \$500, and the Haley Bain Memorial Scholarship Fund will receive a grant of \$150.

Entries are accepted from 7th grade students in all four county school corporations. Students are instructed to write a 500 word essay about "The Philanthropist I Know Personally and Admire The Most." Elaine Peck, Executive Director of the Putnam County Community Foundation, stated that judges evaluate essays with no knowledge of the identity of the schools or the students. Essay contest judges were Denise Sigworth, Jinsie Bingham, and Louis Fontaine.

There were three finalists in the essay contest this year. Jalin Burnette was a finalist for her essay entitled, "Starting at Coat Drives," which recognizes Dr. Demetrious Patton for his many efforts to help his fellow man. Miss Burnette is a student in Micah Elliott's 7th Grade Class at South Putnam Jr. Sr. High School, and she chose the Humane Society of Putnam County's Endowment to receive a Finalist Grant Award of \$50.

Riley Canfield is a finalist for her essay entitled "The World-Wide Volunteer," which recognizes Heather Wildrick for her volunteer work in the community and around the world. Miss Canfield is a student in Traci Scott's 7th Grade Class at Cloverdale Middle School, and she chose the Susan G. Komen Foundation to receive a Finalist Grant Award of \$50.

Mariah Huge is a finalist for her essay entitled "Promoting Local Youth," which recognizes Mona Smith's work with youth. Miss Huge is a student in Traci Scott's 7th Grade Class at Cloverdale Middle School and she chose Cloverdale Dollars for Scholars FFA to receive a Finalist Grant Award of \$50.

The National Philanthropy Week Essay Contest is another opportunity provided by the unrestricted Community Grants Endowment of the Putnam County Community Foundation. Anyone may contribute to the Community Grants Endowment, or start a new endowment in his/her own name. Contributions to the Endowment should be made payable to the Putnam County Community Foundation with "Community Grants Endowment" in the memo, and mailed to 2 South Jackson Street, Greencastle, Indiana 46135. Contributions may also be made online at www.pcfoundation.org. Community Foundation staff are available to help donors make gifts

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