



DARREL WIATT FAMILY PHILANTHROPY ESSAY CONTEST

2022 Finalist Cover Sheet (Required information for the two school finalists)

Essay Submission Checklist: Please electronically send the Finalist Cover Sheet (one for each of the two school finalists) and all requested information to Dean Gambill (dgambill@pcfoundation.org) and copy to Narda Cotton (ncotton37@gmail.com) on or before 5:00 p.m. November 4, 2022.

- Cover Sheet (this form)
- Essay
- Student Photo -- **high quality and suitable for publishing**
- Photo of person being recognized (not required) -- **high quality and suitable for publishing**
- Putnam County** charity information

School Information

School North Putnam Middle School
 Teacher Name Mrs Hamstra
 Teacher Work Phone 765-522-2900 Teacher Email khamstra@nputnam.k12.in.us

Finalist Information

Student Name Weston Houser
 Home Address 544 Gettysburg, Coatesville, IN 46121
 Telephone 317-478-7611 Parent Email garver0709@gmail.com

Chosen Putnam County Charity Information

Name of Charity in Putnam County Putnam County Humane Society
 Contact Person Kelly Murphy
 Address 4700 E SR 240, Greencastle, IN 46135
 Telephone 765-453-1943 Email hspcanimals14@gmail.com
 Why did the student select this charity to support? I selected the humane society because I went there this summer and I felt like I needed to give back to animals.

Most Admired Philanthropist Information

Name Curt Freund
 Home Address 220 N. LaSalle Ave, Ladd, IL 61329
 Telephone 815-878-5358 Email cfriend@comcast.net

Parent's Information

Parent Name Nichole Garver
 Parent Address 544 Gettysburg, Coatesville, IN 46121
 Telephone 317-478-7611 Email garver0709@gmail.com

I understand that my child has been named a finalist in the Darrell Wiatt Family Philanthropy Essay Contest. I give permission for my child's name, essay, and photo to be used in publicity about the Darrell Wiatt Family Philanthropy Essay Contest, which will include release to the media, posting on website, and posting on Facebook. I understand that if my child is named the Grand Prize Winner, she/he may be asked to read the essay at a Foundation event in recognition of her/his achievement.

Nichole Garver
Parent Signature

10/11/2022
Date

There are many good people that live in our communities. Some of those good people that live in our communities donate their time and money to others. Those people are called philanthropists. Philanthropists are people that do good things for their community and donate their time and money for their community. Not only does a philanthropist donate their time and money to their community, they don't usually get things in return or don't get paid for what they are doing. Having philanthropists in your community can make a big difference. One philanthropist that I personally know is Curt Frund. Curt Frund is my uncle and he has all of the character traits that define him as a philanthropist.

My Uncle Curt grew up in a small town, Spring Valley, Illinois. He continues to live in the neighboring small town of Ladd, Illinois. He was raised by a father who was also a well known community leader, volunteering and contributing endless hours to helping others. Currently, my Uncle Curt is sixty-one years old and retired, giving him the opportunities to dedicate more time to his community.

My Uncle Curt's desire to serve his community started as a young dad. About thirty years ago my uncle started to coach different sports at all different ages. He coached t-ball, little league baseball, travel baseball, flag football, youth soccer, middle school football, and youth basketball. His coaching days continued after his kids graduated school and recently began helping to coach his grandsons' teams. My Uncle Curt's desire to help others goes beyond sports. He also organizes fundraisers for students. For the past ten years he has put on a trivia night in remembrance of his life long best friend who was very well respected in their community. The money that is raised for the trivia night helps give three students at their local high school a scholarship toward their college education. My Uncle Curt takes a lot of pride in keeping his town presentable. He took the initiative to rebuild the Ladd Little League baseball field which now gives the league an opportunity to host tournaments. He also spends countless hours maintaining the fields, knowing that these fields will bring children and families together during the spring and summer season. When the town gets snow, he cleans off the sidewalks and always makes sure that the outside of the library is cleared, making it safe for families to still enjoy the library.

A good example of a philanthropist is my Uncle Curt. He does many great things for his community and for others. If his community didn't have him or someone else like him, his community might not be the same as it is right now. Having a philanthropist in your community can really change it for the better.