Congratulations to this year’s winners

The 6th annual I Love Barrie contest was open to all elementary and secondary school-aged students in the city, asking them to share what they love about Barrie.

THE CITY OF KINDNESS

July 15th 2021, a day just like any other. People were enjoying their summer break when a severe weather warning buzzed our phones. We didn’t think much of it. We looked to the sky, to see only a slight drizzle. The warning on our phones kept repeating, but a seed of doubt was still planted. Weather warnings almost never come true. Panic and fear started to fill the air, little did we know something terrible was about to transform our community. Coincidentally, it was also a day where the true love and support of the citizens of Barrie shone upon our community.

We started to realize it was something serious when the power went out, debris started swirling and rain started smashing into windows. We could hear the panic in our parents’ voices when they told us to rush to the basement. Some students in our class even saw the tornado. It ended as quickly as it started and that’s when we realized the devastation that had occurred.

As we all emerged from our homes, everyone’s first priority was to make sure friends and fellow neighbors were okay. Within minutes first responders were here, and within hours the whole City came together to help our community feel like home again. The leaders of our City ensured that we had a place to go to get supplies and reassurance. Some people even slept where we call home, our school, St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic School.

On July 15th, kindness swept through our City the way the tornado swept through our community. The City of Barrie came together despite who you were or where you were from and gave us a warm feeling words can’t explain. That is why we love the City of Barrie.

Written piece winner: Grade 8 students (Mr. Kwiatkowski’s class) Saint Gabriel The Archangel Catholic School

Photography winner: Grade 10 student, William Howcroft St. Peter’s Catholic Secondary School

Artwork winner: Grade 5 student, Elyse Evans Connell École élémentaire catholique Frère-André

Honourable mention:

Grade 4 students (Mrs. Gray’s class) Algonquin Ridge Elementary School

Class winner:

Grade 5 students (Ms. Grantor’s class) Timothy Christian School

Thank you to all who participated in the contest, and congratulations to the winners!

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