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We have a winner

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Kids Klub names card contest winner

PROVIDENCE — The Dr. Day Care Family recently held a contest for students in its' school-age program. All students, grades kindergarten through 12-years-old, were invited to participate by submitting a drawing that illustrates "What Thanksgiving Means to Me."

There were 189 drawings submitted from the Kids Klub and Dr. Day Care Learning Center for this year's 25th annual contest.

After a week of voting, 10-year-old Ava Iacobucci's drawing was chosen for the holiday card.

Ava attends the McGuire Kids Klub and is a student in Mrs. Centracchio's fifth-grade class at James L. McGuire Elementary School in North Providence. Her school principal is

Thomas G. Meagher. Ava has a 12-year-old brother, Aidan, and a 6-year-old brother, Griffin. According to Ava, she loves her family, Mom, Dad, Griffin, and Aidan.

Ava also loves art. She likes drawing, swimming, running, gymnastics, and reading. Her favorite color is pink. When she grows up she wants to be a veterinarian. Her mom and dad are Krista and Vincenzo Iacobucci.

The Annual Holiday Card Contest was started in 1990 by CEO and President, Dr. Mary Ann Shallcross Smith. Creating a Thanksgiving card has become a fun tradition for the Dr. Day Care Family staff and students. According to Mary Ann (who also goes by the moniker "Dr. Day Care"), this contest "is a great way to engage students in a holiday that celebrates being thankful."

Kids Klub and Dr. Day Care curriculum focuses on families and celebrating cultural awareness during the month of November, so this card is another great way to involve students in the meaning of the holiday. Alicia Gloria, Kids Klub Executive Director, enjoys helping the students create their artwork because "it gives the kids an opportunity to showcase how they feel about the holiday and generate excitement, as the cards are distributed to so many families."

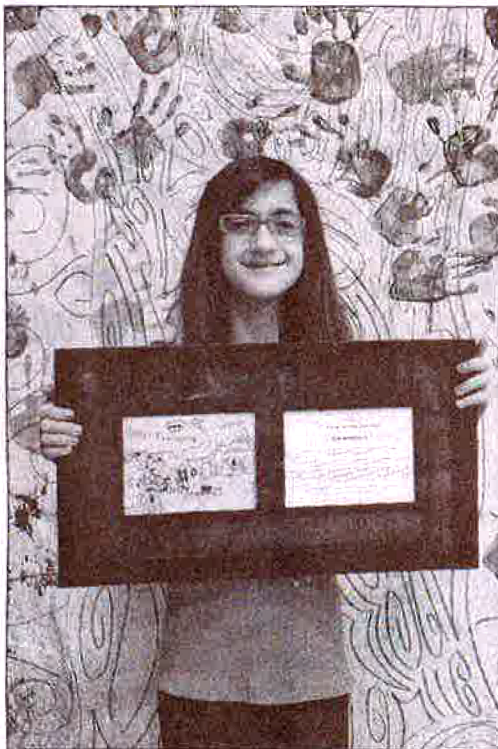
These cards are distributed across Rhode Island to families, staff, and many others around the state and around the world.

This year, the Thanksgiving cards were sent to over 3,000 homes. Anyone interested in receiving next year's card, please contact Rebecca at info@kidsklubri.com.

Kids Klub is a nonprofit extended day learning program for before and after School care. This program operates in North Providence, North Smithfield, and Woonsocket and serves approximately 350 students.

For more information about the programs, visit kidsklubri.com or visit our Facebook page @KidsKlubRI.

Congratulations again to Ava Iacobucci from McGuire Kids Klub for winning the 2015 Annual Holiday Card Contest!



Submitted photo

Contest winner Ava Iacobucci of North Providence