

**8TH GRADE WINNER:
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There are kind people in every city. Some people wear uniforms, some donate, and some just have a big heart. In Kansas City there are a million people, I could write this essay about. But someone I really believe deserves the title of Kindest Kansas Citian is Kim Shopper, my Volunteer Supervisor at Friends of Parkville Animal Shelter. Mrs. Kim really is truly kind and hardworking. At Friends of Parkville Animal Shelter (FOPAS), every volunteer is required to have a supervisor in the building while you do your job with the cats. Being a shift supervisor is a big role to fulfill and she does such a great job.

Mrs. Kim works so hard to care for the cats the best she can. She has a full time job and still manages to be at FOPAS multiple times a week. Just imagine for a moment that you have a full time job in a hospital while still managing to cover shifts and spend multiple hours a week in a cat shelter. And this is all out of the kindness of her heart and her love for cats; none of this is necessary but she still shows up and takes amazing care of the cats. Mrs. Kim always puts in her best effort taking care of the cats. She goes the extra mile for every cat, whether it's heating up their food or deep cleaning the cages each cat is taken such amazing care for.

Mrs. Kim is someone I really look up to as a leader. I hope when I am older I will be able to do as much for my community and the animals in it as she does. She inspires me to volunteer and help wherever I can. An adult who spends their time volunteering at an animal shelter while they could be at home resting after a day's work is an adult I aspire to be like. This is exactly why Kim Shopper is the Kindest Kansas Citian.