Dear Kindest Kansas Citian Coordinator,

Thirty years ago, students in Greater Kansas City wrote essays about the kindest people they knew and entered them into a contest for the first time. Today, thousands of students still participate in this Kansas City tradition. Regardless of whether you have been a part of this tradition for years, or you are new to the contest, we at Synergy Services want to invite you to participate in 2020!

Those who are new to the contest should know that participation is easy, the essay and drawing contest supports regular classroom learning, and all that talk about kindness has the power to promote a positive school climate. As coordinator, it is up to you to determine your school’s level of participation. Maybe you start with one class this year and then go bigger next year!

To participate, simply encourage students to submit a one page essay or drawing (for younger students) nominating an individual, couple, or group they feel deserves the “Kindest Kansas Citian” distinction (see included Essay Packet for instructions and rules). A community committee will then select the Top 20 student winners and their nominees to be honored on Friday, May 1st, 2020 at the Kindest Kansas Citian Awards Celebration.

Please note that all entries must be received at the Synergy Services administrative office on (or postmarked by) Friday, January 31st, 2020. As the Contest Coordinator, it is my pleasure to answer any questions you may have and assist the winning students and their nominees through the Awards Celebration process.

At Synergy Services, we envision a world without family violence, abuse, and neglect. Achieving this vision requires a comprehensive approach with various programming to help reduce the negative impacts of trauma, empower our clients, and educate our community. The School Based Integrated Services program provides prevention, case management, and therapy to students and families directly in their school or community. The school based program reduces barriers to service, while increasing self-regulation and resiliency, and enhancing educators knowledge about trauma; using a holistic approach to shift school culture and help students to thrive.

Thank you for your commitment to nurturing kindness in Kansas City’s youth!

Kind regards,

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