



“Community Garden”



Elizabeth McLaughlin
1st Place – High School
Piscataway High School

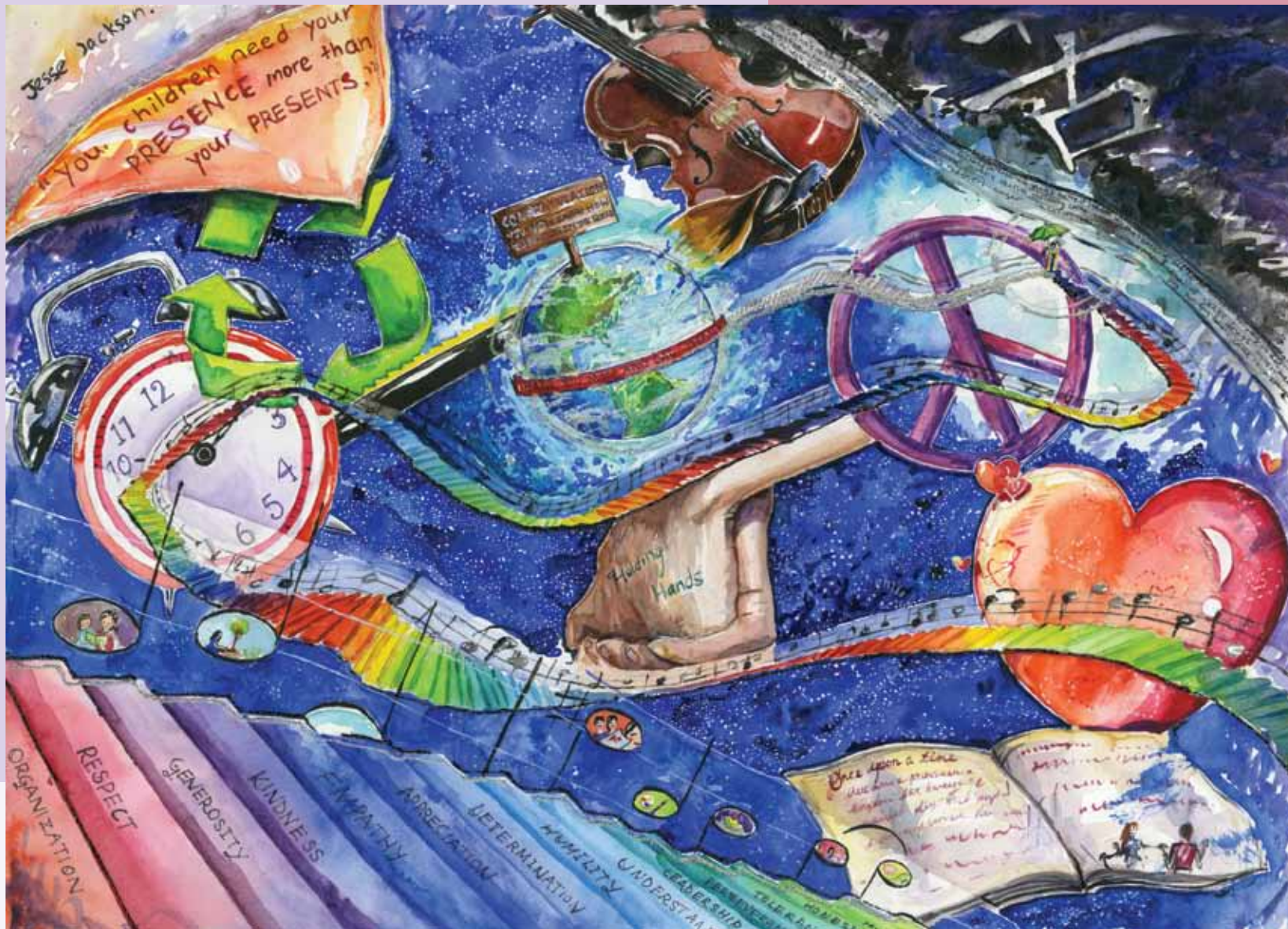
“For my inspiration, I went back to my childhood when I lived in an apartment for the disabled with my grandfather. My idea to get all the tenants together was to start a garden. It was a great way to allow all the tenants to help and do something together. No matter where you live, it’s important for people to be part of something within their community. A community is like a garden. If you provide for it, it will grow and give back.”

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2014 CALENDAR

FEATURING ORIGINAL ART FROM THE 2013 NEW JERSEY DHS TEEN MEDIA CONTEST



“Path Through Time”

“The role of a parent in a child’s life is irreplaceable and has a transcending influence on the child’s character, academic achievement, life choices, and physical, mental, and emotional engagement. This contest was important because it served as a reminder to non-custodial parents about their extraordinary responsibilities, as well as to children about the love, care, support, and money their parents may give each day for them. Entering this contest compelled me to truly appreciate the beautiful gifts my parents have taken from their hearts, souls, and time.”

Carrie Zhang

1st Place – Middle School

John J. Walker Middle School



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Parenthood is as much of a challenge as it is a blessing. No role brings as much pride and joy or challenges and responsibilities. The New Jersey Department of Human Services is committed to helping parents, especially young mothers and fathers, be the best that they can be.

In publishing this calendar and sponsoring the annual Teen Media Contest, we encourage middle and high school students to really think about what it takes to be a good parent. We hope that the calendar will help parents and children start a conversation that will bring them closer together.

This year's calendar features original artwork submitted by students in response to the theme, "Illustrate the ways in which their parents have instilled the importance of community service and being a well-rounded student." Each calendar month also highlights an activity that can strengthen parent-child relationships and stimulate children's development both intellectually and emotionally. Our aim is to contribute to the well roundedness of the entire family. A well-rounded parent is often a more effective parent. A well-rounded child is better equipped for achievement in school and success later in life.

Congratulations to all the winners of this year's contest and to all the parents who strive every day to be a role model for their children. For more information on the New Jersey Child Support Program, call 1-877-NJKIDS1 or visit njchildsupport.org.

New Jersey Department of Human Services
Division of Family Development
Jennifer Velez, Commissioner

JANUARY '14



Christa Pieper
2nd Place – High School
Piscataway High School



“It’s important to give back more than you take and this contest really demonstrates that idea. I know that I will continue to volunteer and do the best I can do to improve my nation and community.”

“Helping Hands”

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Encourage your children to plan a weekly-family meal. Discuss the week. *Communication is a foundation of effective parenting and also of a well-rounded family. A family meal is the perfect time to discuss the week and also a project that kids and parents can plan and prepare together.*

FEBRUARY '14



“Fishing to Feed Others”

“This contest was important because it shows all teens that schools and families must work together to accomplish goals. I learned about how much of an impact the relationship between school and family has on me and others surrounding me.”

Timothy Scherer
2nd Place – Middle School
Monroe Township Middle School



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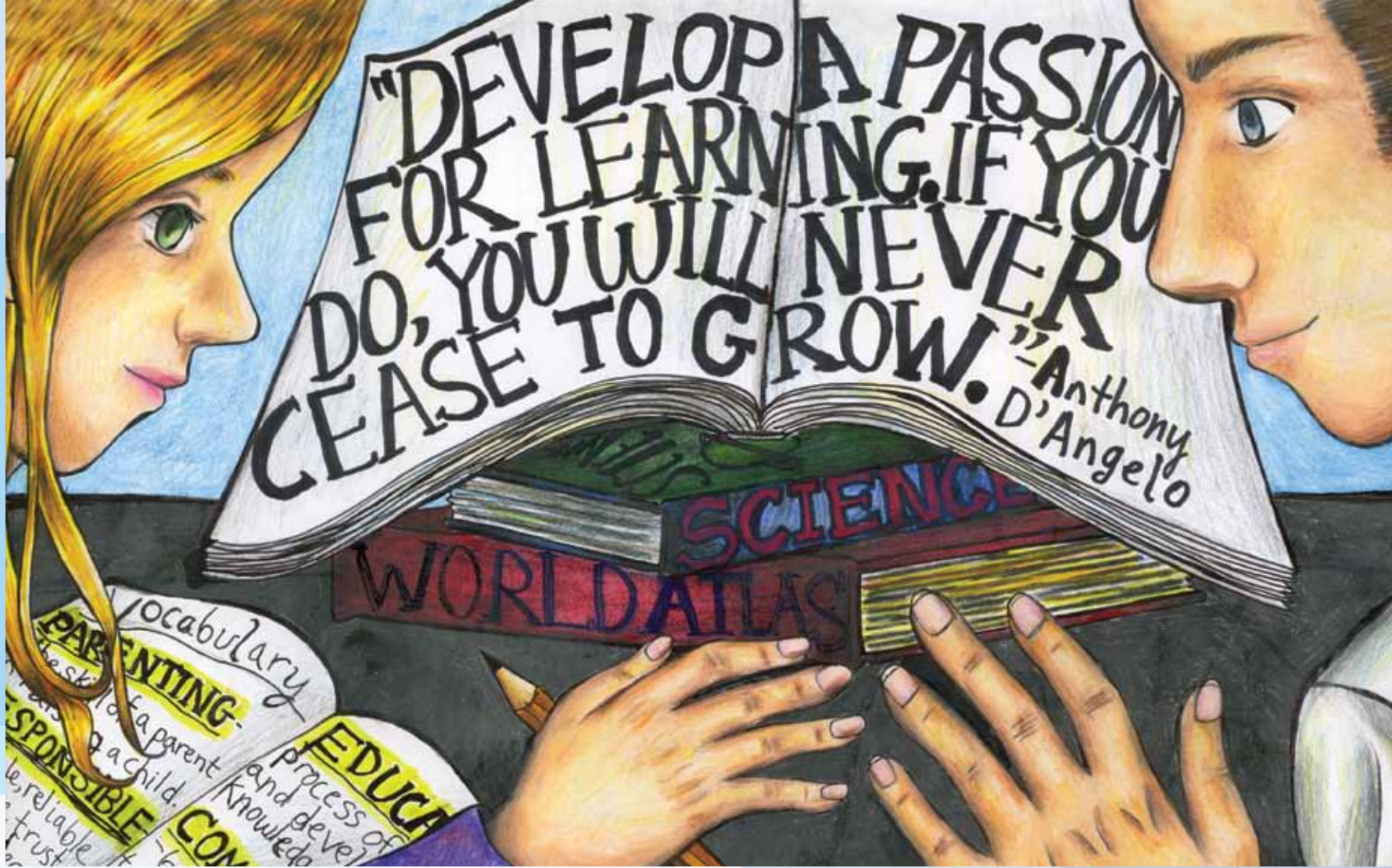
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Hold a family game day. Play board and card games, make up your own game. *Playing games can stimulate the mind in ways that watching television can't. Make sure to choose games that are not only fun, but require some thought and strategy.*

MARCH '14



“Education”



“This contest is important because it shows the impact of a parent on their children. From this, I learned that parental guidance is important in a child’s development.”

Alexandra Pietsch
3rd Place - High School
Ewing High School

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Have family story telling day. *The ability to speak in front of people is an important skill. Children can make up stories. Parents can tell stories from their own childhood. Tell a story where everyone contributes one sentence at a time.*

APRIL '14



“Volunteering for Toddlers Ministry”

“This contest was important because it gave the students, including me, an opportunity to really think about how we have helped through community service. From this contest, I learned to try my best to stay committed to volunteering in Toddlers Ministry at my church.”

Sophia Jeon
3rd Place – Middle School
Schuyler-Colfax Middle School



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Hold a family art day. Get some art supplies and hold a family art day. Join your children in creating masterpieces. Maybe you can create portraits of each other!

MAY '14



Artemis Taplega
"Untitled"
Wall High School

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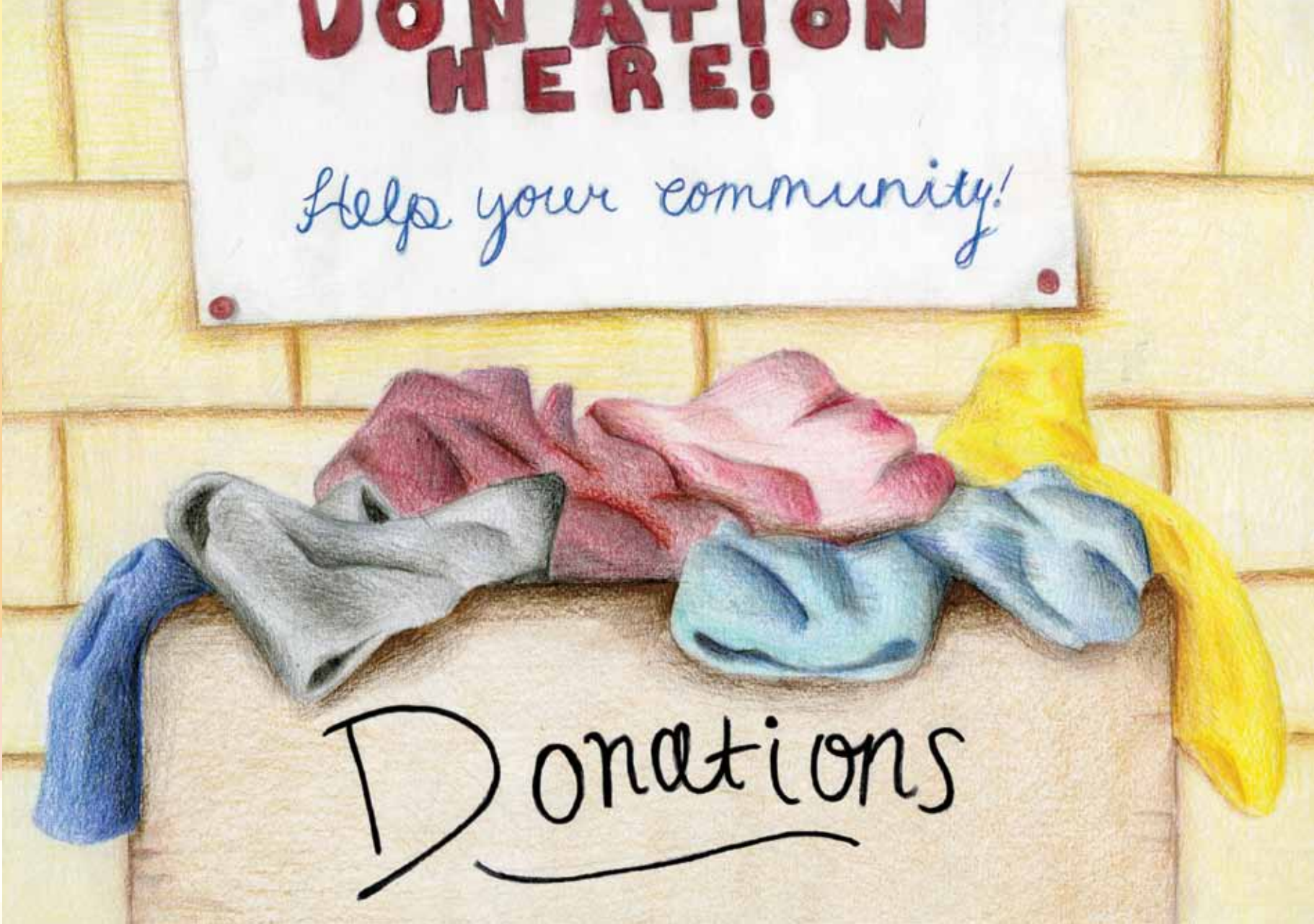
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Beautify your neighborhood. Discuss with your children what projects you can do to help beautify your neighborhood. Examples might include planting a tree or flowers or picking up litter.

JUNE '14



Carolyn Greifer
"Donation Clothes"
Schuyler-Colfax Middle School

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Visit a museum. *A museum can offer a fun way to experience culture for the whole family. New Jersey has a wide range of museums covering everything from art to history to science. Many are inexpensive or free. Following your visit, ask your children what their favorite exhibits were and why. Share your favorites with them.*

JULY '14



Robert Nyakairu
"We Are All in This Together"
John H. Walker Middle School

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Attend a family-oriented concert. *Music, both listening and playing, can improve anybody's life. An appreciation for music often happens at a young age. Enjoy a concert with your children. It doesn't have to be children's music, but it should be family friendly.*

AUGUST '14



Raegan Pietruszki
"The Park Connects"
Monroe Township Middle School

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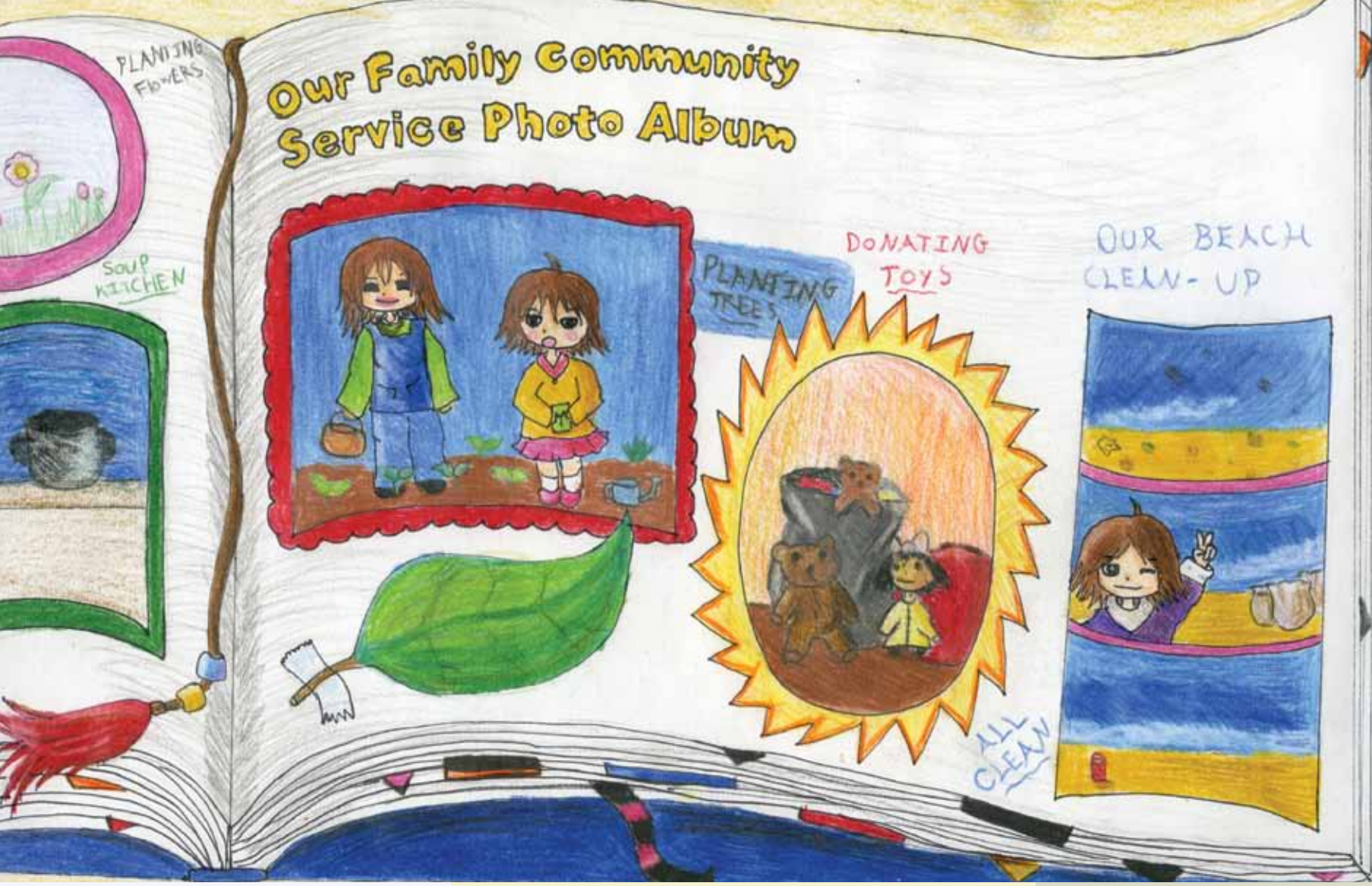
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Attend a library event. *There can be no doubt that reading is a part of a well-balanced life. And a library offers so much more than just books. Most libraries offer family-friendly events, videos, music, and Internet access, as well as a quiet place to think. Introduce your children to the library. If you're not a member of your local library, think about becoming one.*

SEPTEMBER '14



Jessica Russo
"Photo Album"
Wall High School

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Visit a farm. Visiting a farm is both a great way to learn about where food comes from and a fun day outside. New Jersey has many pick-your-own farms where you and your children can pick your favorite produce. Admission is almost always free and some farms even have animals your kids can see up close.

OCTOBER '14



Shannon Law
"Unity"
Manchester High School

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Attend a sporting event. *The excitement of sports brings people together. A live sporting event is a great family activity. Don't have access to a professional team? Go to a college or high school game. Amateur games are more affordable and can be just as exciting and even more fun.*

NOVEMBER '14



Tiffany Lai
"A Giving Heart"

Montville Township High School

OCTOBER 2014

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Visit a historic landmark. *Thinking about history often helps us put the present in perspective. Visit a historic landmark. Take a tour. If no tours are offered, look for information on the Internet or at your local library. Imagine the people that lived or worked there. Discuss how their lives might have been both similar and different to yours.*

DECEMBER '14



Dakota Brower
“Clothing Donation”
Schuyler-Colfax Middle School

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Look for and engage in family-friendly volunteer opportunities in your community. *The holidays are a time when many people in your community could use your family's help. Show your children the importance of caring for others by volunteering at a soup kitchen or charity drive. It's a great way to learn about responsibility, and instill values and a strong sense of community.*



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how to skate?
Support all her needs.

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Call **1-877-NJKIDS1** or visit **njchildsupport.org**.

Who taught you
how to throw a spiral?

...Or skate? Or write your name?
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- Access to specific case information, a variety of forms and other related services through a personalized PIN (personal identification number) Security System
- A fully staffed call center available to respond to your questions and concerns with expanded evening hours: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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- The ability to update your demographic information
- Comprehensive responses to child support questions and links to other related resources
- Sign up for email and text message alerts to keep you up-to-date with important information, upcoming court dates and overdue payments

New Jersey Child Support Website

- The same convenient information available through the IVR
- Announcements to keep you aware of updates within the child support program
- Links to resources, such as applications, forms, available services and other agency programs
- Apply online for child support services

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