



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

'Good Deeds' indeed

Baytown optometrist Dr. Tim Planty recently awarded three Goose Creek CISD students with laptop computers in the inaugural "Do A Good Deed" contest.

Sponsored by the good doctor, Goose Creek students were asked to write essays about the good deeds they had done.

Dr. Planty said the contest, which received more than 200 entries, is aimed at encouraging students to make the right choices in life.

"Everybody on this planet has a vested interest in providing a stable foundation of moral values for our youngsters. As an optometrist who treats children, I believe that children deserve a helping hand in making right choices and in determining a course of action to achieve their goals without compromising their morals," Dr. Planty said.

"Rather than complaining about shortcomings, let's reward good deeds," he said. "After all, our youngsters do so many good deeds on a daily basis."

In the first year of the contest, Dr. Planty and his associate at VisionMax Baytown selected three winners: Ashtyn Sattelmaier, Harlem Elementary fifth-grader; Leslie Price, Gentry Junior eighth-grader; and Alvin Simien, De Zavala Elementary third-grader.

In Ashtyn's essay, she talks about the toy drive she initiated at her school benefiting the children at Texas Children's Hospital. Now in its third year, the toy drive has continued to grow.

This year, Ashtyn delivered around 350 toys to patients at the children's hospital.

"I do this because in the Bible, Matthew 7:12, it says 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' By doing this wonderful thing," Ashtyn wrote, "I feel like God has just blessed me and these children. Me, by making me think about them, and them, by helping them through everything they've been through. If it were me, I think they would do the same."

Leslie's good deed centers around helping a homeless lady she came in contact with during a church trip to a museum.

While some other kids made fun of her digging in the trash, Leslie felt bad for the woman, and handed her one of her sandwiches.

She wrote about how she always felt sorry for homeless people, but never did anything until that day.

"To me, everyone needs to help the homeless," Leslie wrote. "It will make you feel good and make them feel good. If everyone helped, the world would be a better place."



Baytown optometrist Dr. Tim Planty presented Gentry eighth-grader Leslie Price a new laptop she earned for her winning essay in the Good Deeds contest. Also on hand for the presentation, from left, were Gentry Principal Tammy Edwards, Dr. Jaime Houser, Dr. Planty, Price, and Gentry teacher Laurie Poston.



Baytown optometrist Dr. Tim Planty presented De Zavala Elementary third-grader Alvin Simien with a new laptop he earned for his winning essay in the Good Deeds contest. De Zavala Principal Robin Stoerner was also on hand for the presentation.

Alvin also helps homeless folks because his mother works at the local homeless shelter. His most recent good deed was donating lots of his own toys and clothes to the children living at the shelter.

"It makes me feel good inside to be able to give to kids that don't have as much as me," Alvin wrote. "It makes me sad to see them live in a shelter and not have their own stuff. This is why I love to do good deeds at the shelter."

The "Do A Good Deed" essay contest will return next fall. Check www.VisionMaxBaytown.com for details. Students will also be notified at school about the contest.

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