

# Community Foundation of Northern Illinois

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# P R E S S   R E L E A S E

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## **Community Foundation of Northern Illinois Announces**

### **Fourth Annual Poster Contest Winners**

Rockford, IL – Today the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois announced the winners of the 2009 Poster Contest. The contest, promoting the theme *No Idle Zone* was open to all Rockford youth in private and public schools grades kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the contest is to bring awareness that un-necessarily idling a vehicle wastes gas and money and pollutes the air.

The winners are:

#### **Community Foundation Winner – Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Molly Brick – Grade 1

Winning School – Rolling Green School, Rockford

#### **Morrissey Family Businesses Winner – Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Alexys Gomez – Grade 1

Winning School – Rolling Green School, Rockford

#### **Community Foundation Winner – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Lily Johnson – Grade 3

Winning School – Washington Gifted Academy, Rockford

#### **Magnum Creative Winner – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Natalia Bednarczyk – Grade 5

Winning School – Brookview School, Rockford

#### **Mayor's Choice Award**

Brier Barbeau – Grade 3

Winning School – Maria Montessori School, Rockford

#### **Mayor's Choice – Honorable Mention**

Paul Umanzor – Grade 1

Winning School – Rolling Green School, Rockford

Winners will be awarded a \$50 gift certificate to the Rockford Park District and a book will be dedicated in their name to their school library. The Mayor's Honorable Mention will be awarded a \$25 gift certificate to the Rockford Park District.

The No Idle Zone movement is a grass-roots initiative aimed at educating the public about the negative effects of un-necessary vehicle idling. In February, the Rockford School District proclaimed all Rockford Schools No Idle Zones and distributed information to all parents in the district. Over 5000 pledge sheets have been signed and returned from concerned citizens pledging to turn off their cars when possible.

The Community Foundation thanks the Morrissey Family Businesses and Magnum Creative for sponsoring two awards this year.

The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois serves as the area's leading non-profit provider of grants and scholarships, awarding grants exceeding \$40 million in the last ten years.

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