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THE LITTLE THINGS
BY EMILY TURNER

She tells the anorexic girl, 'You are beautiful.'
She eats lunch with the outcast.
When she walks through the park,
She picks up the litter, and recycles it
Even though the trash can is conveniently next to her
And the recycling bin is far away.

She smiles at the depressed boy.
She thanks her Dad for driving her to school each day.
When her math teacher is gone,
She listens to the substitute
Even though nobody else in her class does,
And she follows the substitute's directions.

She refuses to gossip.
She does chores without being asked.
When a freshman drops his books in the hall,
She stops to help him pick them up
Even if it means she will be late,
And marked tardy in her next class.

People laugh at this girl,
Saying her way of life is pointless,
Saying her acts of kindness are useless.
But they are blind and foolish
Because...

The anorexic girl started to eat again.
The outcast felt blessed he had a friend.
With more items recycled,
The earth thrived, and in the park,
The animals could roam safely,
And the plants could grow.

The depressed boy didn't commit suicide.
The girl's Dad, feeling less haggard,
Became more accepting of his large workload.
The substitute, feeling appreciated, beamed,
And her confidence bloomed.
And the girl's math teacher was pleased.

The gossip faded; people lost interest.
The girl's mom could finally relax, because
She didn't have to clean the house.
And the freshman whose items scattered
Made it to his class on time,
And was fully prepared for his presentation.

Congratulations to BHS senior Emily Turner for taking first place in the poetry category for The Kappy Family Anne Frank Art & Writing Competition. The competition is hosted by the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills and is open to all 8th-12th graders in Oakland County. The 2017 competition's theme was The Power of One, and students were asked to create a written or artistic response to the following quotation from Anne Frank: “How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

English teacher John Duffy said, "One of over 175 entries, Emily's poem, "The Little Things," highlights the power of small gestures to create change in the lives of struggling teens. Her work is keenly observant and uses sharp imagery and experimental formatting to leave a lasting impression on the reader."

First place winners receive $250. In addition, teachers of first place students as well as their schools will receive a gift card.

"On behalf of the judging committee, I want to commend all the students who entered the competition. Their pieces were all beautiful and thought provoking," said Robin Axelrod, Director of Education, Holocaust Memorial Center. “As we display the winning submissions beginning May 10, it is our hope that all those who visit the museum take the time to view the pieces to see how teens, who are the same age that Anne Frank was when she wrote her diary, express the lessons that they have learned about the Holocaust.”

Winners will be honored at a ceremony, gallery opening and dessert reception at the Holocaust Memorial Center on Wednesday, May 10.

Emily's winning poem is to the right.

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