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### **SevenDays announces Act of Kindness student essay contest**

(Kansas City) – A single act of kindness can start a ripple to change the world.

With that premise, entries are now being taken for the second annual **SevenDays Make a Ripple, Change the World Scholarship** competition, now under way in Kansas City as part of **SevenDays 2017**, set for April 18-24. The Faith Always Wins Foundation and its SevenDays program sponsor the essay contest.

Five Kansas City area graduating high school seniors have the opportunity to each win a \$1,000 scholarship for doing an act of kindness and demonstrating its impact on others. The scholarships are to be used for post-secondary education. Winners will be announced at a celebration on April 18, 2017 - Day One of **SevenDays 2017**. SevenDays 2017 is the continued effort to overcome tragedy produced by hatred, bigotry and ignorance following the murders of Reat Underwood, Dr. William Corporon and Teresa LaManno outside of Jewish facilities in April 2014. The overarching goals of SevenDays are promoting interfaith dialogue, spreading kindness and overcoming evil that is so prevalent in our world today.

For the Make a Ripple Change the World Scholarship applicants must perform an act of kindness that makes a ripple, then write a 500-1,000-word essay about the experience. Thought should be given to what activities can be done to make a ripple in their community or beyond, then plan it and execute it. Students can photograph the event and send pictures with their written essay explaining what they did and why.

The deadline for the SevenDays Make a Ripple, Change the World applications is **March 6, 2017**. Applications should be emailed to Jill Andersen at [scholarships@givesevendays.org](mailto:scholarships@givesevendays.org) with “SevenDays Make A Ripple Scholarship” in the subject line. Please include the application form found at [www.givesevendays.org](http://www.givesevendays.org) with the essay submission and photos.

**Last year’s winners:**

- Sarah Stowe Eskilson – BV Southwest
- Rachel Li – Olathe South
- Madelyn Reihls – Raymore-Peculiar
- Gracie Schram – BV North
- Will Sharpe – BV Northwest

During the first two years of the **SevenDays** effort, more than \$89,000 has been given to various nonprofit organizations that further interfaith and kindness. The Reat Griffin Underwood Memorial Foundation and The LaManno Hastings Family Foundation are equal beneficiaries of net proceeds and donations of **SevenDays** to continue this important work. Donations are tax deductible.

For more information about **SevenDays**, please visit [www.givesevendays.org](http://www.givesevendays.org). Media inquiries please contact Ruth Baum Bigus, (913) 707-7746 or at [ruthwrite1@gmail.com](mailto:ruthwrite1@gmail.com).

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