

Caring Classrooms Contest

Students in classrooms that have had our disabilities awareness programs are invited to enter. Each student should write a short answer to the prompt for his/her grade (maximum of one page per student), and each submission should include their name, grade, and school.

The contest is a great way for children to think about what they learned about disabilities and inclusion. It will also give us some wonderful quotes to share with donors about the positive impact of our sessions, which will help keep these programs FREE of charge to schools!

Prompts:

- Grade 1: What is something you learned about friends with different abilities?
- Grade 2 and 3: We all have different abilities and different challenges. Why is that a good thing?
- Grade 4: What did you learn about strengths, challenges, and disabilities you can't see?
- Grade 5: We all know about the power of unkind words. What can YOU do to help build kindness and respect?
- Grade 6: What can YOU do to help prevent teasing, bullying, and exclusion?

Prizes:

The Cromwell Center will pick the thoughts that best reflect our program messages of respect, empathy, and inclusion. A winner for each grade will receive \$25. One Grand Prize Winner **will receive \$50 and a pizza party for their classroom!** **The Grand Prize Winner and immediate family will be invited to The Cromwell Center Dinner & Auction** in late May or early June (date to be announced), where the student will be recognized.

Deadline:

Please mail your students' submissions by **April 17** to:

The Cromwell Center
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Questions? Call us at 207-775-9955 or e-mail us at info@cromwellcenter.org.

Before publishing any info about the winning entries, we will contact the student's parent/guardian for permission.

