



Press Release

For Immediate Release

Monday, March 5, 2012: Mayor Blair Milo announced the names of the recipients of the Mayoral Award for this quarter. The awards will be presented at the Monday, March 5, 2012 City of La Porte Council meeting.

Lizzie Tuttle was nominated by Handley School, but also by the parents of a classmate. Lizzie is eight (8) years old and throughout Kindergarten and First grade, she has been a true friend to a boy in her class who has been diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome. This classmate has not made friends easily, but Lizzie is a helpful and encouraging friend to him. She can often calm him down, she encourages him to do his schoolwork and like a true friend, she listens to him talk endlessly about trains or Legos. Lizzie is a great example of "the gift of friendship" in our class; her parents are Jason and Hollie Tuttle.

Caitlyn Tuholski is a student at Kesling Middle School, she is an active 4-H member and Jr. Leader. While helping out on the family farm, she still finds time to volunteer at Brentwood on a recent children's fundraiser and she can be counted on to help younger members with their comprehension of projects. Caitlyn already shows great leadership skills. Her parents are Brenda and Patrick Tuholski.

The nominations come from the schools and are reviewed by a committee through the City of La Porte Human Resource office. The Mayor presents the awards at the end of each quarter.

The Mayor stated, "I would like to commend these two young people for the kindness and leadership that they have shown. I would also like to recognize the other nominations that were received; the committee had a hard decision to make: Audrianna Diaz, Hannah Jongkind, Seth Kupres, Kylee Matzke, Isabella Meier, Madeleine Nunn, Emily Samuelson and Hanna Addie. Each of you has made a positive impression on your school community."

Mayor Milo further stated, "I am very impressed by the nominations that were received. It is gratifying to know that we have so many kids in our community who are making good decisions and having a positive influence on the people around them."