



**Congratulations to the
2022 *I Love Barrie* contest
winners!**

Artwork Winner

Elyse Evans Connell

Grade 5

École élémentaire catholique

Frère-André





Photo Winner

William Howcroft

Grade 10

St. Peter's Catholic Secondary

School





Written Piece Winner

Grade 8 students

Mr. Kwiatkowski's class

Saint Gabriel The Archangel

Catholic School



THE CITY OF KINDNESS

July 15th 2021, a day just like any other. People were enjoying their summer break when a severe weather warning buzzed our phones. We didn't think much of it. We looked to the sky, to see only a slight drizzle. The warning on our phones kept repeating, but a seed of doubt was still planted. Weather warnings almost never come true. Panic and fear started to fill the air, little did we know something terrible was about to transform our community. Coincidentally, it was also a day where the true love and support of the citizens of Barrie shone upon our community.

We started to realize it was something serious when the power went out, debris started swirling and rain started smashing into windows. We could hear the panic in our parents' voices when they told us to rush to the basement. Some students in our class even saw the tornado. It ended as quickly as it started and that's when we realized the devastation that had occurred.

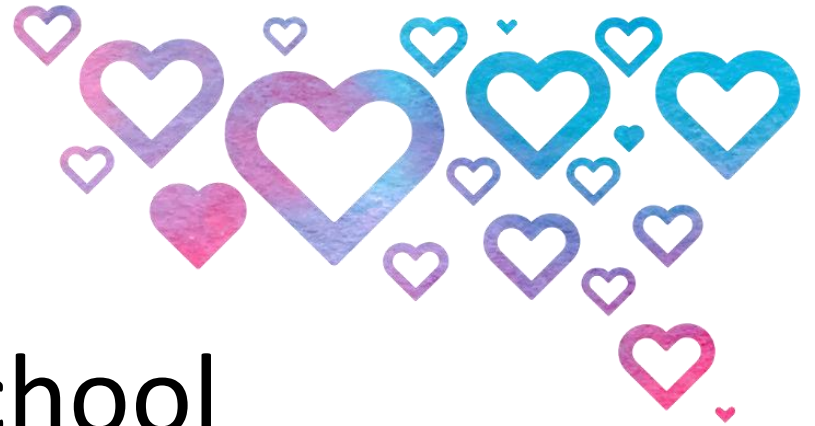
As we all emerged from our homes, everyone's first priority was to make sure friends and fellow neighbors were okay. Within minutes first responders were here, and within hours the whole City came together to help our community feel like home again. The leaders of our City ensured that we had a place to go to get supplies and reassurance. Some people even slept where we call home, our school, St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic School.

On July 15th, kindness swept through our City the way the tornado swept through our community. The City of Barrie came together despite who you were or where you were from and gave us a warm feeling words can't explain. That is why we love the City of Barrie.



Class Winner

Grade 5 students
Ms. Gronfors' class
Timothy Christian School





This artwork was inspired by an original photograph that was taken by Daniel Spence. It was done on black bristle board with oil pastel. Each student got a section of the piece and then the class put it all together.



Honourable Mention

Grade 4 students

Mrs. Gray's class

Algonquin Ridge Elementary

School





Congratulations and thank you for sharing
your love of Barrie!

