

# Kids with Character

This recognition showcases students who have made a difference by accepting responsibility, showing kindness, valuing others' concerns, helping resolve conflicts and honoring their commitments.

Elizabeth Minut, 14, was nominated to be a Chronicle-Telegram Kid With Character for being an outstanding student who is helpful, kind and respectful to everyone around her.

She was nominated by Kimberly Minotti, a secretary at her school, Avon Middle. Minotti said Elizabeth has showed a lot of initiative in helping others while being an office aide.

Minotti said the students who help out in the office run a lot of errands, like delivering things to teachers and students while class is in session. "A lot of time when they're in the office we let them do their schoolwork as well in between helping. But if she's working on her schoolwork and someone walks in, she immediately drops what she's doing to help them."

She's made a positive impression on others around her school, too, like one of her teachers, Robert Pennington.

"Elizabeth is an all around great young lady who puts the needs of others as a top priority and is caring towards other students and peers," Pennington said.

Her principal, Craig Koehler, called Elizabeth a phenomenal student.

"One of the most positive, contributing students that I've met in my career," Koehler said. "She's really just a tremendous asset to our school. She's the kind of person who is positive all the time. She's an encourager, she praises other people, she's quick to volunteer — that is not the typical teenager, necessarily. We love having her in the school."

Elizabeth is very busy when she's not in school — she babysits, she's a Girl Scout and she's a

tap, ballet and jazz dancer. She also donates toys and clothes at Community Resource Services of Avon and Avon Lake.

She even ran a lemonade stand and a bake sale to raise more than \$300 for the Breast Cancer Foundation, which she was motivated to do after her grandmother and aunt were diagnosed with breast cancer.

"She's just one of those people who stands out," Minotti said. "She's a good student and she's a great person."

Elizabeth lives in Avon with her parents, David and Stacy.



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