

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.



Maddie

Maddie Nader, 15, was nominated by her grandfather, George Sirow, to be a Chronicle-Telegram Kid With Character for being mature beyond her years, exhibiting responsibility that makes her a model among her peers.

Her responsibility shines through as a dependable babysitter of her younger sister, Gracie Starcovic. And she's reliable around the house, too, choosing to cook and clean of her own volition. "She does things around the house that most teenagers don't do," her grandfather said. "She cleans the house impeccably without being told."

Maddie is very caring toward others and considerate of their feelings — when in a disagreement, she makes her points diplomatically without putting down the other person. She's respectful to people of all ages both in what she says and what she does. And

she makes it a point to be a steady supporter of her older brother, Kyle Nader, in all his activities.

As a driven individual, Maddie has excelled in volleyball. Despite being a freshman, she plays with upperclassmen on the Spirit Olympic Volleyball travel team, playing games throughout Ohio and nearby states. She's also on the varsity volleyball team at Vermilion High School. "She makes sacrifices when other kids are going out to bowling or dancing," her grandfather said.

But there's more than just sports in her life — she also sings in the high school choir, and she's doing well in school with a 3.7 grand point average. She mentors her classmates in her strongest subjects, math and reading. Maddie even has aspirations of becoming a child advocate attorney one day!

Maddie's mother is Adelle Nader.



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