

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.

Jolie Fischbach, 13, was nominated to be a Chronicle-Telegram Kid With Character for being a courageous leader inside and outside the classroom. Her Spanish teacher, Nancy King, said Jolie is always willing to take a risk and volunteer and answer when no other student will.

"I think she's compassionate in that respect because she knows that we as teachers are waiting for someone," King said.

Her other teachers would agree. Her language arts teacher, Ally Lewandowski, called her a "pleasure to have in class — always participating and willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. She's extraordinary!"



Jolie Fischbach
Avon Middle School

They said Jolie exhibits the 40 Developmental Assets, a series of qualities that Avon Middle School instills in its students, focusing on one asset theme each month. For example, the student body talked and wrote about "responsibility" in November.

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It's a trait Jolie embodies as an athletic assistant. Avon athletic assistants volunteer to help out during games, doing everything from running errands for coaches to taking money for tickets and keeping score. It's a selfless job that Jolie chooses to undertake nonetheless.

"They're not glamorous jobs by any stretch of the imagination," King said. "That's huge."

Jolie also shows off selflessness by being a member of the school's leadership team.

Heidi Rom, Jolie's social studies teacher, called her an exceptional young lady. "Besides her leadership qualities, she is warm and caring person," Rom said.

Jolie also plays basketball, plays in band and volunteers at school and during outreach opportunities. She lives with her parents, Jenny and Larry Fischbach.

