

CHILDREN IN PHILANTHROPY AWARD

Isabel Biasella



Wise beyond her eight years, Isabel Biasella always has a place in her heart for those in need. Whether helping her peers with reading and math, standing up to older kids who are treating younger kids poorly, walking puppies at the Humane Society, collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, or getting her classmates to understand that there are people in the community in need of food, Isabel is eager to lend a hand.

In so many ways Isabel is your typical eight-year-old girl who likes to play with friends, cheer, dance, play computer and video games, and go shopping. On the other hand, she is a kind soul who understands that there are people in the world who are less fortunate than her and, like in the movie *Horton Hears a Who*, believes that even the smallest of people can make a difference.

After learning about Harvest for Hunger, Isabel decided she could help and made presentations to her teacher and principal on how her school, Middlebranch Elementary in Canton, could get involved. Ever the organizer, Isabel created a task list and timeline, wrote morning announcements and a letter to parents, and spoke to all classes. Under Isabel's leadership, the students collected 1,337 pounds of food—the equivalent of 1,044 meals for those in need in our community. Because of her positive actions and leadership, the Foodbank named Isabel the first recipient of the Young Harvester Award in 2010. When asked why she wanted to participate in the Harvest for Hunger campaign, her response was "Because kids shouldn't have to go to bed hungry."

An avid reader and writer, Isabel was nominated by her first-grade teacher to serve on Student Council. She loves animals, especially her two golden doodles Harry and Jake, enjoys traveling out West, and cheers and dances for NEO Allstars. Words often used to describe Isabel include precocious, caring, thoughtful, and mature. "A blessing" is the expression most frequently used by her family.

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