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United Supermarkets & Market Street celebrate Earth Day with Lubbock ISD art contest

LUBBOCK, Texas — On Tuesday, United Supermarkets and Market Street representatives gathered with Lubbock ISD officials and students to celebrate Earth Day and recognize the winning student of an Earth Day Art Contest.

Over the past several years, The United Family has partnered with Lubbock ISD for a special Earth Day Art Project by donating paper bags to select schools for students to decorate. This year, The United Family decided to evolve the annual project into a contest where one student would be recognized for their Earth Day inspired artwork.

Nearly 2,000 paper bags were distributed to 10 Lubbock ISD elementary schools: Whiteside, Williams, Ervin, Carmona-Harrison, Miller, Maedgen, Parsons, Roscoe Wilson, Hardwick, and Waters. Out of those nearly 2,000 paper bags, there were hundreds of incredible Earth Day inspired pieces of art, but one stood out above the rest.

Fifth grader Jhette Garcia's artwork was selected as the winning piece for the contest. She was honored with a prize basket and gift card at a small ceremony at Market Street and her art work will be featured at select United Family locations in honor of Earth Day. All of the decorated bags will be available for guests' use at select locations.

"Congratulations to Jhette for winning our Earth Day Art Contest, and thank you to all students and teachers who participated in this year's project," said Abie Rampy, director of public relations for The United Family. "This art project has been a fantastic way to give children in our community an opportunity to engage with Earth Day in a fun and creative way. The United Family is always looking for ways to cultivate sustainable practices and helping to educate our community's children is just another part of that."

"Lubbock ISD is again proud to partner with our longtime partners from The United Family for this annual Earth Day event," said Dr. Kathy Rollo, superintendent of Lubbock ISD. "There's no better way to celebrate than with our students, reaffirming our commitment to creating a better future for the next generation."

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