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

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

For several years, The United Family has partnered with Lubbock ISD on a special Earth Day art initiative, donating paper bags to select schools for students to decorate. These bags are then distributed in stores in celebration of Earth Day. The program has evolved into an Earth Day Art Contest, with hundreds of bags donated, and one student's artwork selected to be featured in stores.

Around 2,000 paper bags were distributed to 10 Lubbock ISD elementary schools: Whiteside, Williams, Ervin, Harwell, Miller, Maedgen, Roberts, Roscoe Wilson, Hardwick, and Waters. Out of those nearly 2,000 paper bags, there were countless examples of incredible Earth Day inspired pieces of art, but one stood out above the rest.

Fifth grader Leonardo Preciado's artwork was selected as the winning piece for the contest. He was honored with a prize bag and gift card at a ceremony at Market Street and his artwork 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 Leonardo 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."

"Every year, we're proud to partner with the United Family to celebrate Earth Day and showcase the talents of our wonderfully creative students across the district," said Dr. Kathy Rollo, Lubbock ISD Superintendent. "These Earth Day designs help spark conversations – in and out of the classroom – about protecting our planet and making sustainable choices. Our students learn that even small actions by individuals can lead to big changes for everyone. This is just one of the many wonderful ways United engages with our students and staff, and we are grateful for their continued generosity and support of Lubbock ISD."

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banners: United Supermarkets, Market Street, Amigos, and Albertsons Market. It also operates 41 convenience stores under three unique banners: United Express, Market Street Express, and Albertsons Market Express. The United Family also includes ancillary operations R.C. Taylor Distributing, USM Manufacturing, and Llano Logistics. The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Albertsons Companies, Inc. For more information, please visit www.theunitedfamily.com.