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Idaho culture on display through Christmas card design contest



WINNING ENTRY — This entry captured first place for Grades 7-8 in Catholic Charities of Idaho's First Annual Christmas Card Design Contest. The artist is Kelsy Jalbert, a student at St. Mary Catholic School in Boise. (ICR photo courtesy of Catholic Charities of Idaho)

BOISE — What would the Nativity look like if Jesus were born in Idaho today? Catholic school children offered their visions in Catholic Charities of Idaho's First Annual Christmas Card Design Contest with that exact theme.

CCI announced winners this week in the following grade categories: Grades 7-8, Kelsy Jalbert, St. Mary Catholic School, Boise; Grades 5-6, Emily Cahill, Holy Family Catholic School, Coeur d'Alene; Grades 3-4, Emile Murdock, St. Joseph Catholic School, Boise; and Grades K-2, Leah Johnston, All Saints Catholic School, Lewiston.

The Christmas card contest was an extension of CCI's Alternative Christmas Appeal, which solicits donations to support agency programs. More than just a fund raiser, however, the Christmas Appeal accepts non-traditional gifts that can also be used to support CCI programs.

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WINNING ARTIST — Kelsy Jalbert and St. Mary Catholic School Principal Marianne White pose with the certificate Leah Johnston won for her entry. (ICR photo courtesy of Catholic Charities of Idaho)

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"Engaging community to create and participate in solving problems we face together is part of our strategic plan to create an Idaho where hope prevails, justice reigns, and people are transformed every day," said Rosio Gonzalez, Catholic Charities executive director.

Many designs reflected the state of Idaho through gifts of syringa flowers,

Appaloosa horses, potatoes, huckleberries, bluebirds, and monarch butterflies. Nearly every entry had a modest surrounding of a barn, shed or other humble shelter.

The award-winning covers will be printed on Christmas cards available for purchase from CCI in quantities of 20 for \$10. To order or to make a donation, call Christopher Davis at 350-7483, or e-mail cdavis@ccidaho.org.

More CCI Christmas card design contest winners



Grades 3-4 winner

Emile Murdock, a third grader from St. Joseph Catholic School, Boise, with teacher Marsha Johnson. (ICR photos courtesy of Catholic Charities of Idaho)



Grades K-2 winner

Leah Johnston, a second grader from All Saints Catholic School, Lewiston, with teacher Karen Edmundson, left, and Principal Denise D. Hammrich. (ICR photos courtesy of Catholic Charities of Idaho)



Grades 5-6 winner

Emily Cahill, a student from Holy Family Catholic School, Coeur d'Alene, with Principal Karen Durgin. (ICR photos courtesy of Catholic Charities of Idaho)

