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January “9Teachers Who Care” Award Announced

Congratulations to Kathleen Good of Silver Creek Elementary in Thornton

Thornton, CO – 9NEWS and CollgeInvest are pleased to honor Kathleen Good, a first grade teacher at Silver Creek Elementary in Thornton, with the January “9Teachers Who Care” award.

Good brings an exceptional level of caring, respect and excitement for learning to her classroom, according to parents and colleagues. They say her students look up to her as a role model and remember her long after they have left her classroom.

Lisa and Dan Kassel, Silver Creek Elementary parents, nominated Good for the 9Teachers Who Care Award for her dedication and passion for her students. “This is a classroom where students encourage each other and take very seriously Mrs. Good’s number one rule: Never hurt anyone on the inside. Praise and encouragement are what you hear from Mrs. Good for each effort her students make. If you listen carefully you will hear the students praising and encouraging each other because they follow their role model” the Kassels wrote.

Several Silver Creek parents praise Good for establishing close relationships with them. She takes the time to learn about her students’ families and encourages them to participate in school events and activities.

According to Judi Madsen, the Principal at Silver Creek Elementary, Good’s students often excel in writing; she inspires them by studying authors and their writing styles in her classroom. The students come to class with an enthusiasm to share, knowing that their mistakes are learning opportunities. Good even hosts writing celebrations, known as Author’s Tea Parties, where students can share their own writings with their parents.

Madsen wrote, “Mrs. Good models for her young students a love for learning, pride in their work, kindness for others, and the celebration of their accomplishments. She encourages teamwork and sharing. By building a strong community within her classroom, she is laying the foundation for future members of the community. What more could you ask for in an educator?”

The “9Teachers Who Care” award was created by 9NEWS and CollegeInvest in 2001 to recognize and profile educators who are making a difference. The program was designed to highlight the positive stories and outcomes that are happening in Colorado classrooms every day.

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Anyone can nominate a teacher for the 9Teachers Who Care award. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Education Page or the Community Page on www.9news.com or requested by calling 303-871-1899.

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