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Seventh-grade students Grace Andrews and Kristin Nyenhuis from Westminster Christian Academy and Kirk Day School fifth-grader Anagi Pieris are among the 36 authors nationwide who have been honored by The Grannie Annie Family Story Celebration with publication of their historical family stories.

Participating students write a story from their family history, based upon information they gather by interviewing an older relative.

"While some stories published by The Grannie Annie are joyful and lighthearted family memories, others deal with challenges of war, poverty, prejudice or daily life," said Executive Director Connie McIntyre. "These are important stories for students to discover and write, and they are important stories for all of us, of every age, to read."

Pieris wrote "Fifty Years Ago and One Hundred Years Later." Andrews wrote "One Little Girl, One Night's Journey," Nyenhuis wrote "Henrik." Their stories were among the 555 stories submitted for this year's Grannie Annie competition.

The stories will be published in the print and online editions of Grannie Annie, Vol. 11.

The Grannie Annie Family Story Celebration is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation based in St. Louis.

OASIS tutor honored in Parkway



Kyaira Ringel [left] with E. Laine.

Mason Ridge Elementary students and staff honored a special guest recently – E. Laine, an OASIS tutor with 20 years of service in Parkway.

The ceremony and award surprised and delighted Laine, who had been told that one of her students was receiving an award that day. Laine arrived ready to applaud her student, Kyaira Ringel, but instead was greeted by cheers herself from Principal Mike Schmerold, Assistant Principal Pat Wallace, Deputy Superintendent Desi Kirchhofer, Parkway OASIS coordinator Barb Clark, physical education teacher Bill Bunton, and of course, all her Mason Ridge students.

Schmerold presented Laine with a poem, "I'll Show You a Volunteer," written in her honor. One of the stanzas reads:

"Show me a person where a cry for help brings split-

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