

Young author finds “Joye” in GSRNC

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Rory Hu is a 5th grader in the greater Bay Area. She joined a writing contest and wrote a profile of our very own Joye Hawkes. She won that contest!

Here is a Q&A with Rory:

Why did you choose GSRNC?

This was a writing competition for a kid’s magazine, and the topic was to write a report about a hometown hero. I thought a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization would make an excellent news story, and when I found GSRNC, I knew it was the perfect match. Lots of kids, including me, have a passion for dogs, so I contacted the organization's president, Ms. Christianson, and she recommended Joye Hawkes. With the interviews from Ms. Christianson, Ms. Hoover (treasurer), and Ms. Hawkes, I began to see the hard work done by the people here at GSRNC. I admire them for all the effort they put into their work.

Is writing a career goal for you?

Yes. Absolutely. I enjoy writing, mainly fiction. Right now, I am writing my very first novel, about a girl whose dreams are an alternate reality. I hope that one day I can make as big an impact on the community as the volunteers at GSRNC have done.

Do you like dogs?

I'm actually more of a cat person, but yes, I like dogs as well. They are very furry, cute, and especially loyal (something cats aren't), and my mom likes them too.

Do you have any dogs?

I want one, but I don't own any. My mom said that if I get any pets, I have to take care of them myself. That's a big responsibility, and I'm worried I might not take care of my pets properly, so I'll have to think about it. I might get one when I'm older though.

You are making a donation to GSRNC! Tell me about that.

Earlier this year, I won a short story contest sponsored by AoPS (Art of Problem Solving) Academy. The prize for winning the competition was \$100. Joye Hawkes and the rest of GSRNC have done so much for myself and so many others, so I've decided to donate the prize money to GSRNC. My parents will each match the donation. Then we will donate the money through Apple, the tech company where my father works, and Apple will match the money as well, making for a total of \$600.

We're so glad Rory looked at us to find a “hero”. Thank you, Rory!