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Pennsbury Students Recognized for Caring and Service to Others

(Fallsington, PA) – Congratulations to the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award winners for January. Riley Hummell, Reece Werth, Rosalee Blohm, and John Gelgot* were honored at the Pennsbury School Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2022.

The purpose of the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award is to recognize and reward students who embody exemplary character traits and behaviors. The character trait for January was *caring and service to others*.

Riley Hummell is a fourth-grader at Fallsington Elementary School. He was nominated by Bill McDougall, Genevieve Guadalupe, Amy Murray, Alison Blaney, Kristen Cahill, and Vinny DePaola. Riley has a caring heart and demonstrates exceptional caring and service to others. In the classroom he is a kind, courteous, and respectful student who is always trying to do the right thing for himself and others. He consistently provides support to his classroom, and volunteers for student council and many other school functions. He helped organize Pajama Day to benefit the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, as well as a winter candy gram fundraiser to help those in the Pennsbury community.

Reece Werth is a fourth-grader at Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School. He was nominated by Brian Doron, Maureen Janthor, and Samantha Young. Reece is always the first to lend a helping

hand. In physical education, Reece values and cares for all his classmates through his encouraging words and actions, and takes the time to show his peers proper bowling techniques. He is Student Council Treasurer and gives up his recess time to help organize fundraisers and count the money that is raised. Every day, Reece walks to school with his first grade sister, making sure she gets to class safely and finding her for the walk home at dismissal.

Rosalee Blohm is a seventh-grader at Charles Boehm Middle School and was nominated by Kim Michalak and Virginia Anselmi. Rosalee is a naturally giving young lady who is always going out of her way to help others. She is especially kind to those with special needs, and looks after another student every day on the bus. She has gone above and beyond helping her peers feel accepted and loved at school. She embraces their differences and encourages them to be themselves. Rosalee touches people with her kindness every day.

John Gelgot is a senior at Pennsbury High School and was nominated by Matt Martin. John is a caring role model for other students. He helps out his fellow students on a daily basis by providing insight and assistance whenever it could be helpful to others. He focuses on his classwork and stays on top of all of his assignments, including any make-up work. John demonstrates a strong consideration and respect for all other cultures and the feelings and emotions of others. He is a hard worker and a student of great character.

Each month, students are nominated by teachers, staff, or administration, and then the winners are selected by LYFT and other community partners. LYFT is a group of volunteers, individuals, and organizations throughout the community that shares the common goal of strengthening and supporting Pennsbury students.

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^{*}John Gelgot will attend and be formally honored at the February 17, 2022 School Board meeting.