



Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV

Cordially Invites You to our Valentine's Day
Art Contest for Homeless Awareness



Theme: Home Is Where The Heart Is

Three Categories:

- Grades K-4
- Grades 5-8
- Grades 9-12

Submissions accepted thru January 21st

Submit your artwork to: Sara.Krepp@MIU4.org

Staff will announce the winner on Valentine's Day 2022.

All participants will receive an award. The top 3 winners will receive additional prizes, including their artwork featured on t-shirts and posters for the 2022 November Homeless Awareness Month.

Did you know....?

Since 2008, the number of homeless students identified by public schools each year has increased by more than 100%, from approximately 680,000 to 1,384,000 students in 2019. It is now estimated to be at 2.5 million students. (<http://www.nsba.org>).

November was first declared as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month in 2007. Since then, November has been a time to acknowledge those children and families experiencing homelessness. As many as 2.5 million youth per year now experience homelessness. Along with losing their home, community, friends, and routines as well as their sense of stability and safety, many homeless youth are also victims of trauma. While trying to survive on the streets, youth are exposed to countless dangers, with an increased likelihood of substance abuse, early parenthood, impulsivity, depression, posttraumatic stress disorder, and a vulnerability to being trafficked. (<http://www.nctsn.org>).

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