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RedRover Celebrates Social & Emotional Learning Through Local Students' Artwork *SCUSD Art of Compassion Pieces Showcased*

Sacramento, CA – RedRover is proudly displaying the original artwork by two Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) social and emotional learning (SEL) students chosen for the *Art of Compassion* campaign. The students were asked to put empathy into action by performing an act of compassion and capturing it within their artwork. Their artwork was among a select few featured in the SCUSD's "Showcase Awards" held last month, and RedRover is one of a few select offices in the area to display pieces.

The student artists from both Luther Burbank High School and C.K. McClatchy High were onsite with a SCUSD representative, Luther Burbank High School teacher and parent, to discuss the inspiration for their artwork and how they were able to translate empathy into art.

**"When the brain and heart work together it develops empathy." - 10th grade artist,
Luther Burbank High School**

"Compassion means looking out for someone, and when I saw my mom comforting our sick dog, I thought that captured it," - 11th grade artist, C.K. McClatchy High School

RedRover's humane education program, RedRover Readers, is a SEL program that helps children develop positive relationship skills through stories and discussion. Trained educators in the RedRover Readers program read humane-themed books, pose strategic questions and initiate discussions to help children develop critical thinking skills and empathy. The RedRover Readers program is in several elementary school classrooms throughout the District.

RedRover President and CEO Nicole Forsyth said, "We are thrilled that RedRover was chosen to display this empathy-inspired artwork by local students. Social and emotional learning is so crucial to helping youth develop skills needed to strengthen compassion towards both animals and humans, and we fully support SCUSD's efforts to bring SEL to more classrooms."

This artwork will be on display at RedRover through the end of May. Other students' *Art of Compassion* artwork can be found displayed at the offices of the Mayor, U.S. Representative Doris Matsui, Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, Assemblymember Jim Cooper, and the Yoga Seed Collective Studio.



From left to right: Mr. Doolittle, Luther Bank High School; 10th grade artist, Luther Burbank High School, Nicole Forsyth, RedRover President & CEO; Li Ezzell, Sacramento City Unified School District V.A.P.A Training Specialist.



From left to right: Li Ezzell, Sacramento City Unified School District V.A.P.A Training Specialist; 11th grade artist and her two dogs, C.K. McClatchy High School; Nicole Forsyth, RedRover President & CEO.

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About RedRover

Now in their 30th year, RedRover focuses on bringing animals out of crisis and strengthening the bond between people and animals through emergency sheltering, disaster relief services, financial assistance and education. RedRover's innovative and bilingual SEL app, *The Restricted Adventures of Raja*, helps kids understand animal behavior and practice skills necessary for empathy development and can be downloaded for free in both iTunes and Google Play stores. For the third consecutive year, RedRover has earned a 4-star rating from [Charity Navigator](#), America's largest independent charity evaluator. To learn more, please visit [RedRover.org](#). You can view our media kit at [RedRover.org/media-kit](#).