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Winners of Generation Free Poster Contest Announced

Westminster, MD (June 7, 2017) - A “Generation Free” poster contest was conducted in April by the Carroll County Health Department’s Cigarette Restitution Fund Program. The contest was open to all fourth and fifth grade students in Carroll County’s public and private schools. Students were challenged to design posters that would inspire their peers to be the “Generation Free” from using nicotine products.

Seventy posters were received from 82 fourth and fifth grade students at eight elementary schools in Sykesville, Westminster, and Finksburg. Winners were selected by the Carroll County Tobacco Coalition, which consists of representatives from public agencies and the community. The top three winners were:

First place: Michael Hemingway, 5th grade, Linton Springs Elementary School, Sykesville; health teacher Elizabeth Berry

Second place: Robbie White, Piney Ridge Elementary School, Sykesville; health teacher Diane Weatherby

Third place: Molly Hieatzman, Piney Ridge Elementary School, Sykesville; health teacher Diane Weatherby

First place winner Michael Hemingway’s poster will soon appear on a billboard near the intersection of Maryland Routes 26 and 27 in Taylorsville. His health teacher, Elizabeth Berry, received \$500 to use for supplies for her health class at Linton Springs.

The top three winners received a certificate from the Carroll County Health Department. Their original posters were framed and presented to them to give to their school for permanent display. The winning posters are also featured on the Health Department’s Facebook page and can be found on their website at <http://cchd.maryland.gov/generation-free-poster-contest-winners/>

The mission of the Carroll County Health Department’s Cigarette Restitution Fund is to prevent and reduce the use of tobacco products, and therefore reduce tobacco-related health problems and deaths in the county. The program offers classes and clinics to help people quit using tobacco.

For more information, call 410-876-4429 or 410-876-4443 or see
<https://cchd.maryland.gov/health-services-tobacco-prevention/>

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