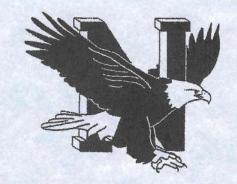
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Dear Dr. Riker.

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Kathie Romano for the "I Touched the Future" award. Kathie was a science teacher in the Nazareth Area School District for over 30 years. She taught junior high school and high school. Kathie was an exemplar of education because of the talent she brought to the classroom and to the programs that she instituted at Nazareth Area High School. She was a kind, compassionate, and talented teacher, who had a passion for her subject area.

While at the high school, Kathie initiated the Community Service program in which students could earn one-half credit for 60 hours of volunteer work per year. She also applied for, and earned, several grants to enhance the high school and introduce native plants to the environment. Kathie's endeavors can be seen in the small garden that greets visitors when entering the high school. She also started the stream monitoring program, which incorporated data from the Schoeneck creek (a part of the Delaware watershed) with the data gathered from the Bushkill and Delaware rivers. In addition, Kathie successfully started the Envirothon club at Nazareth Area High School and has won many competitions with her teams over the years. The team was invited to the State Championship many times while Kathie coached.

Kathie not only worked with the environment and environmental needs while in school. In her personal life, she is a member of many organizations to preserve land and volunteers at various organizations including the library. Please give Kathie Romano your fullest consideration for this award.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Rakos NAHS Biology teacher



