



Seven years ago,  
there was a young girl in Julian  
who loved cats.  
Four feral kittens found this  
"cat whispering" child.  
One of the kittens became wounded.  
It was her compassion for him  
that started Henry's journey.  
Now, there are millions who know  
of this extraordinary cat  
who extends his healing powers  
and wisdom to humans everywhere.



**JULIAN**

We're going to college

**CITIZENSHIP**

Give back to your community and the country

RESPECT

HONESTY

INTEGRITY

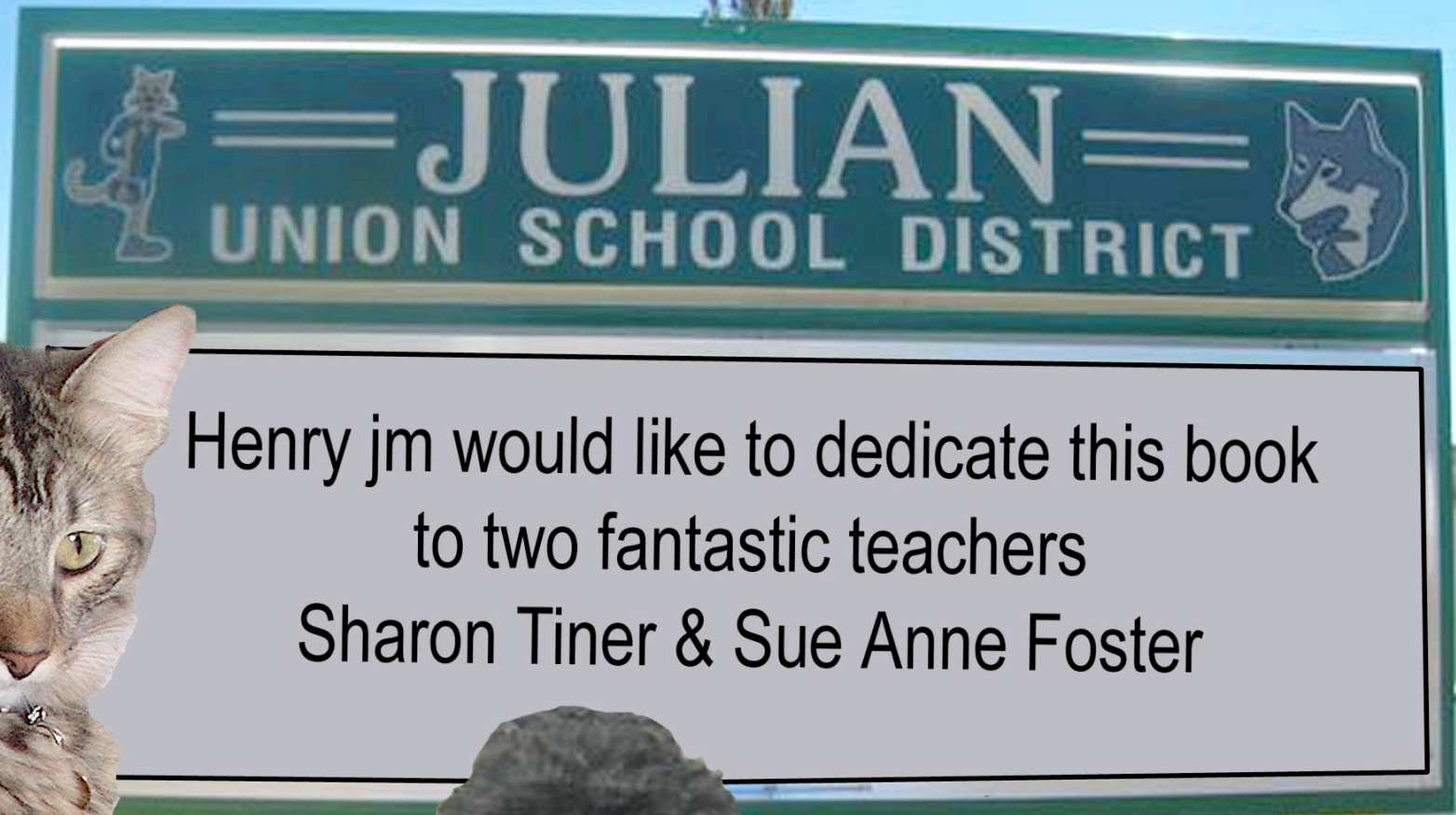
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FAIRNESS

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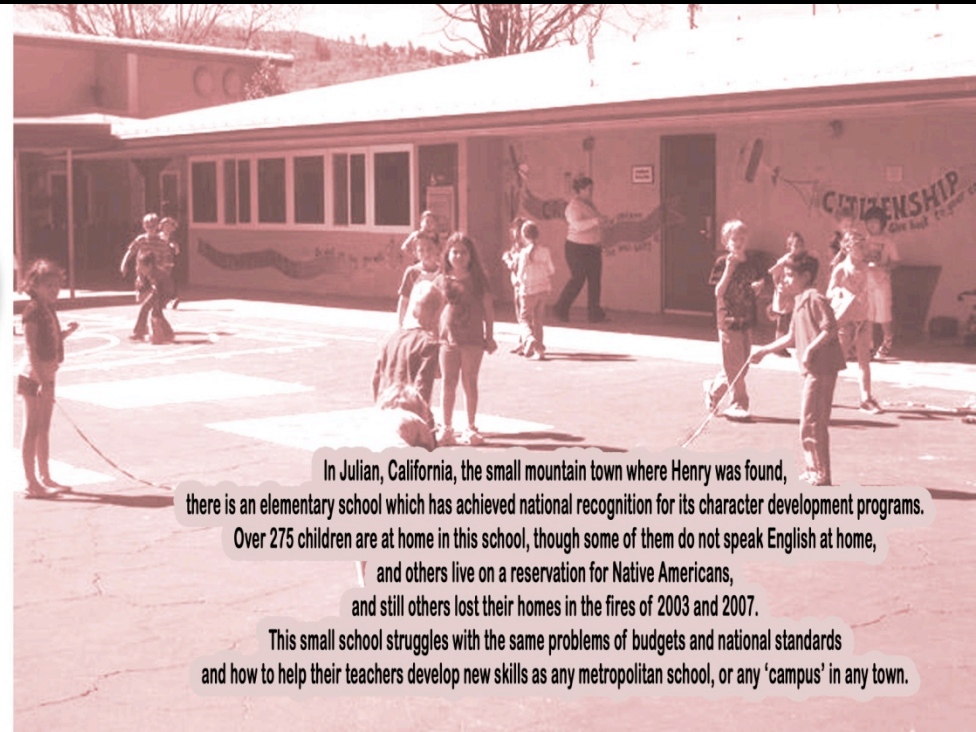




Henry jm would like to dedicate this book  
to two fantastic teachers  
Sharon Tiner & Sue Anne Foster

# Labors of Love

We call the work we most admire and value a "labor of love".  
We often give the highest praise for an achievement by giving it this label.  
We know that work that changes lives is always grounded in love  
for without that love there could be no real change.  
This book represents the labors of love of a diverse group of people,  
each with a unique mission in life.  
They came together through the three-legged cat named Henry,  
but that is not our story.



In Julian, California, the small mountain town where Henry was found, there is an elementary school which has achieved national recognition for its character development programs. Over 275 children are at home in this school, though some of them do not speak English at home, and others live on a reservation for Native Americans, and still others lost their homes in the fires of 2003 and 2007. This small school struggles with the same problems of budgets and national standards and how to help their teachers develop new skills as any 'campus' in any town.





But Julian Elementary is different because their superintendent, Kevin Ogden, and his astounding staff, embrace new efforts, accept the uncommon challenge, and do it all from love of teaching, love of the children in their care, and love of the town in which they live.

At the end of year open house/awards night, not only was there no standing room, but there were three and four generations in families that came to recognize the efforts of their children and the teachers who are dedicated to them.

A labor of love.



A neighbor of the school is Cathy Conheim, founder of Henrys World and the Just Me Project.

Cathy never had a single day in her schooling when she felt that new efforts or uncommon challenges would be embraced and appreciated.

When she came to visit the school after seeing the award film on the character education program, she was often moved to tears; thinking

"What would my life have been like if I had gone to a school like this, or if I had had teachers like this?"

As soon as Cathy introduced the transformational program to Mr. Ogden and his teachers, they were excited. Teaching resilience and empathy and social and emotional skills was just what they wanted to do.

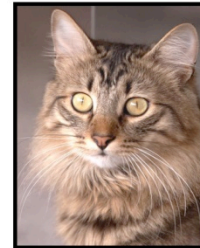
So began the days when a dog would visit the classrooms:

Dollydog who asks "What About Me?" and helps children to express their feelings;

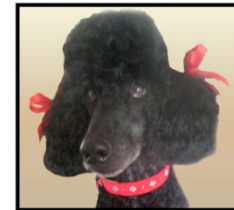
or Henry the cat, who summons everyone to discover their own truth and their courage to explore the world; and even Tink, the two legged dog who insists that everyone she encounters feel joy and delight in this moment.

The teachers were amazed as the children stayed silent because Henry was frightened on his first day in a school.

Some children overcame their fear of animals by meeting these messengers.



Henry



Dolly



Tink





And then, when all the children knew  
the animals and their stories,  
Sue Anne Foster and Sharon Tiner,  
an artist and a gifted teacher,  
came to visit.

They turned Julian Elementary  
into an art gallery  
by first showing the children  
that each child could make  
something beautiful and magical.  
Over four days the children did  
thirteen different art projects,  
linking the designs to  
Henry's Kibble for Thought.  
As they labored with love,  
they told their stories  
and when their parents came to visit  
the children proudly shouted

*"I made this; this is my story."*

The joy the children showed  
as their art was displayed  
was a testament to the freedom  
for real learning and real creativity  
supported in their school.

Just as it was an inspiration and testament to  
Cathy Conheim and her amazing creative team,  
so too, it was to Sue Anne Foster, Sharon Tiner,  
and all the others who contributed to the project.

Thus the book in your hands is evidence of labors of love.  
This is what real teaching always is, and is what real healing can be.

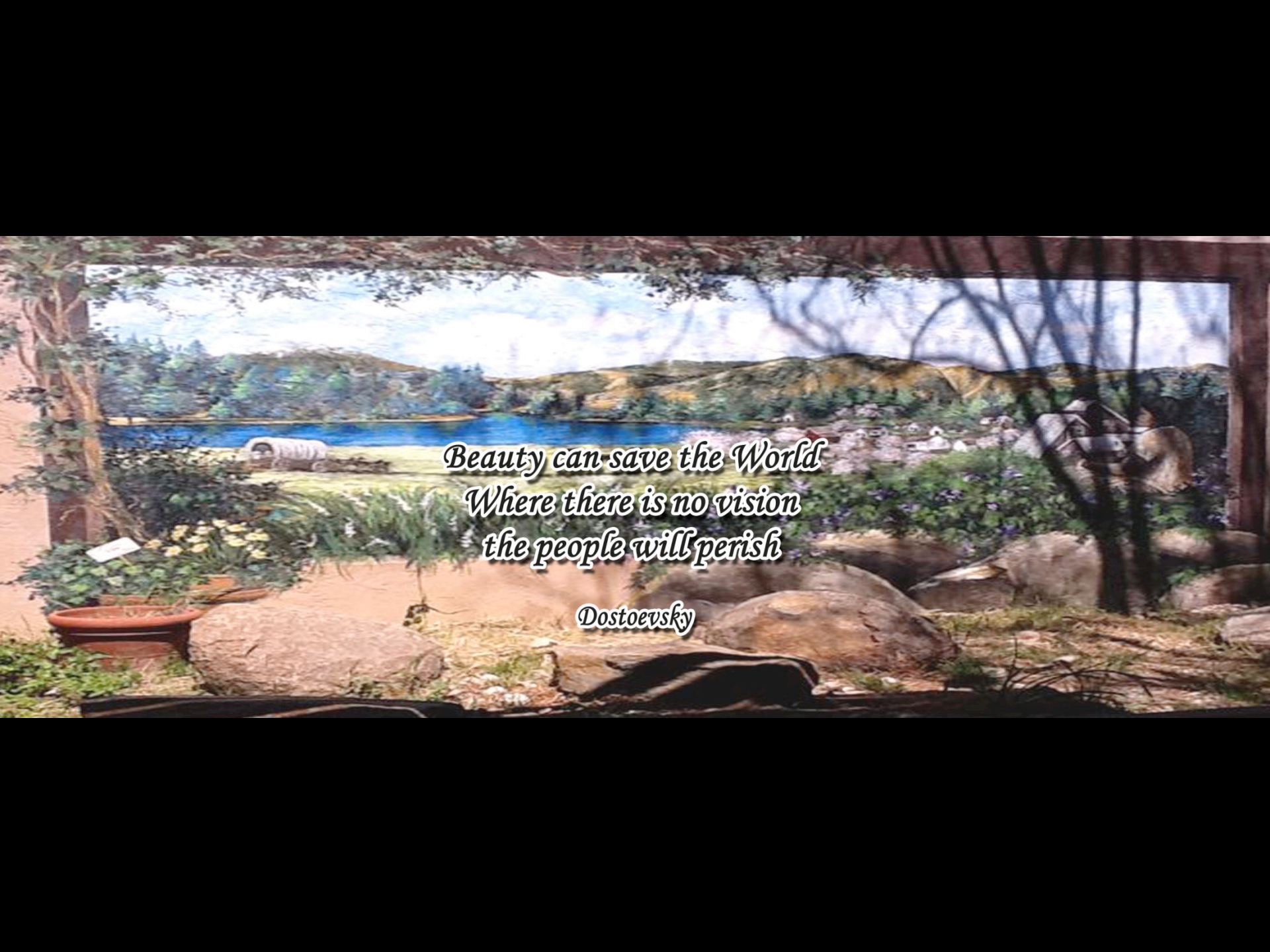
To everyone who has already engaged in the Julian Elementary adventure:  
our deepest thanks.

To everyone who wants to explore that adventure in new ways,  
take it to new schools, and contribute their own  
labors of love—Welcome!

# Labors of Love

Thanks to Henry's Creative Core Team :

Cathy Conheim, Mercedes Sironi, Heather Wood Ion, Jo Hendrix,  
and thanks also to  
Ginny Schumacher and Tim Brittain for all the help they always give to us.

A landscape painting depicting a serene scene. In the foreground, there are large, reddish-brown rocks and some greenery. A small, white, domed building is nestled among the rocks on the right. A river flows through the middle ground, reflecting the sky. The background features rolling hills under a blue sky with soft clouds. The painting is framed by a dark, possibly wooden, border.

*Beauty can save the World  
Where there is no vision  
the people will perish*

*Dostoevsky*



Children are the future....

Many life lessons  
are learned on  
the playground!





Henry is proud to be a part of a  
**BULLY-FREE ZONE**

JULIAN  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL



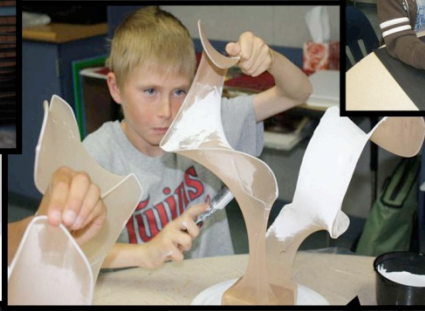


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"For a child to have an authentic education the arts in education must also exist"  
John Dewey

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I "Tink" I Can Paint!



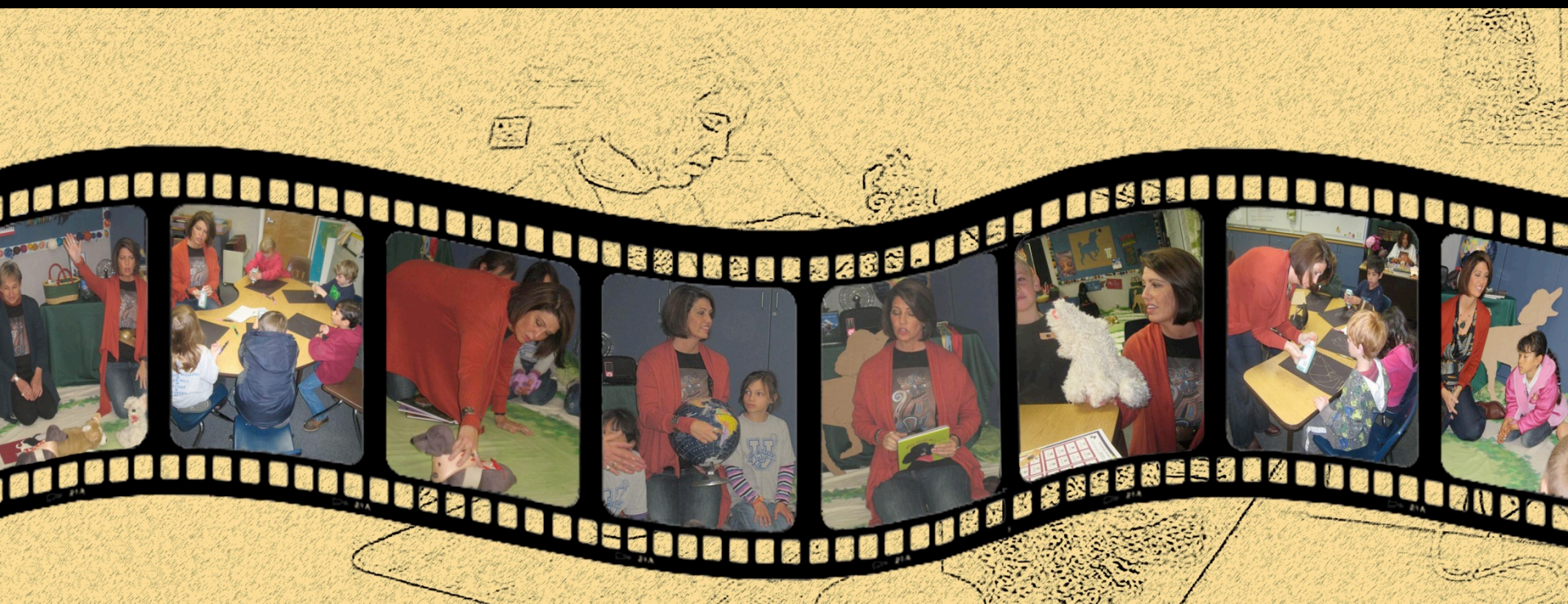


Creativity is the base for Invention



Art is the expression of Creativity





















*no excuses*







Sharon



Tiner



Sue Anne



Foster

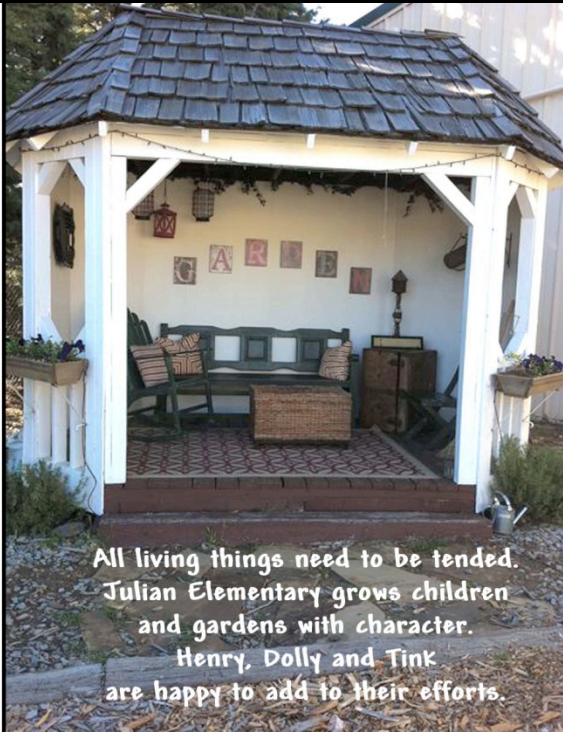




# Character Garden



Welcome  
to the  
Character Garden  
Garden Ambassadors  
will answer your questions



All living things need to be tended.  
Julian Elementary grows children  
and gardens with character.  
Henry, Dolly and Tink  
are happy to add to their efforts.



Within each child is a flower  
ready to bloom



# Henry's World



*With the help of his dynamic team, Henry's healing paws reach out worldwide*





## *To all who make Henry's World a Magic Place*

**How lucky can a cat be?**

**I found a family who love me, an incredible team who help me to teach and heal,  
and now I actually have thousands of children with whom to play and share.**

**I want to send hugs and purrs to my home team,  
to Mr. Ogden who took a chance on a home town boy,  
to the incredible teachers of Julian Elementary School  
and lastly to Sue Anne Foster and Sharon Tiner  
who have helped children everywhere to tell their story through art as well as words.**

**I am, indeed, a lucky striped cat!**

**I have the privilege, along with my housemate Dollydog and my girlfriend Tink ,  
to enter the lives and hearts of children everywhere.**

**For all that has been, I send so very many thanks and for all that will be,  
I send a very big YES I " Tink " we can!**

**Henry jm ( just me)**





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