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Charles Lafitte Found. announces contest winners

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The Charles Lafitte Foundation [CLF], based in Brielle, recently announced the student winners in its Kid's Corner 2014-2015 Winter Essay Contest.

The winners are eleventh-grader Aditya Viswanathan Kaliappan, of Clarksburg High School, Clarksburg, Maryland; sixth-grader Maya Mau, of Community Middle School, Plainsboro; and fifth-grader Sanya Mehra, of Millstone River School, Plainsboro.

Each student will receive a Kindle Fire, plus \$1,000 for their school library. Winning essays are available for viewing on the foundation's website.

The Winter Essay Contest invited any student in grades 3-12, attending a public or pri-

vate school, to submit an essay. To enter, students had to read a book listed under their corresponding grade level, and tell CLF through their essay how the main character grows and changes from the beginning to the end of the story.

"As always, it was extremely difficult to choose winners among the many talented and insightful essays that we received," said Kyra Citron, director of Kid's Corner. "We are so happy to see the response from kids who chose to read during their winter vacation."

CLF's Kid's Corner strives to encourage kids not only have a voice, but a role in helping better their community. Kid's Corner is run by kids for kids, placing the power of change directly in their capable hands.

Every child is invited to join with CLF and become a grant maker by telling the organization which nonprofit organizations are important to them and how CLF can help.

More information is available at www.charleslafitte.org/kids-corner.

ABOUT THE CLF

The CLF supports innovative and effective ways of helping people help themselves and others around them to achieve healthy, satisfying and enriched lives.

The foundation supports organizations working in four main areas: education, children's advocacy, medical research and issues, and the arts.

The foundation underwrites programs that can become self-sustaining with long-term commitment and measurable impact.

In determining grants, CLF looks for solutions that lead to independence and self-empowerment for individuals, and to the establishment of effective, long-standing programs and organizations.

For more information about the Charles Lafitte Foundation, visit www.charleslafitte.org.