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**Helping kids and parents navigate the pandemic.
TeachingKidsNews.com wins international recognition
for its *One Good Thing* content**

Toronto – Today, GTA-based TeachingKidsNews.com (TKN) – a website of weekly news for kids – won a silver award for its special content section *One Good Thing*. The award was announced by the acclaimed international organization Global Youth & News Media, based in France.

TKN was one of 12 award recipients with five Gold and seven Silver awards being given to organizations in Asia, the Americas and Europe.

“We are thrilled to have our work recognized internationally,” says Joyce Grant, co-founder, TKN. “When we started 11 years ago, there was almost no high-quality news being produced for kids and we remain one of the few kids’ news outlets featuring professionally written articles by adult journalists and photographers.”

One Good Thing

TKN started *One Good Thing* – a series of posts about something happening in the world that was good. “One” thing at a time to not overwhelm and “good” because there was a need to restore hope. Posts are lighter than TKN’s weekly news articles and, depending on the post, kids can read, look, watch, click on or listen. Or, perhaps more importantly, do nothing at all and just enjoy a good thing.

“When the pandemic hit, what was happening was scary and overwhelming,” says Grant. “We didn’t want to let down the thousands of kids and educators who rely on TKN, but we also didn’t want to add to the din of unsettling news out there.”

On March 22, 2020, the inaugural post landed. *One Good Thing: Sidewalk Games* was about getting outside and using the sidewalks for art, exercise or messaging. Other topics include craft projects such as making a window rainbow to celebrate frontline workers, following a shark cam, and touring museums. *One Good Thing* will continue as a regular feature given the positive response.

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In addition to the content, each post celebrates a Canadian children's book illustrator – an industry hit hard by the pandemic. The first post featured images by plasticine artist Barbara Reid. TKN collaborated with CANSCAIP, a Canadian organization representing children's authors, illustrators and performers. Some of the illustrators featured are: Jeremy Tankard, Rebecca Bender, Debbie Ohi, Kevin Sylvester, Jan Dolby, Patricia Storms and more.

“These producers of news for children represent the best that journalism has to offer in so many ways,” said Aralynn McMane, founding director of the Global Youth & News Media Prize. “Amid the uncertainty of a global emergency, these highly trusted sources provided their young audiences with as much clarity and solutions as could be had, in accessible formats with sometimes astounding interactivity.”

TKN is a trusted free website for children, parents and educators who routinely use the content in curriculum. It helps young people build critical thinking, be active in understanding the content in curriculum and develop a keen awareness of how they can make a difference. Educators use it as a media literacy and shared reading resource. TKN shares news across many beats in a journalistic style.

About TKN: TKN was co-founded in 2010 by Grant, and educators Jon and Kathleen Tilly. A volunteer-run website that is supported by donations, TKN receives no ad revenue and is free for readers to use. Its mission is to deliver the same news adults get, but with more context and with difficult concepts broken down and fully explained. TKN works with professional journalists, many bylined with Canadian news outlets. The site has thousands of visitors per day including children, parents and educators across Canada, the US and around the globe. Visit to learn more: teachingkidsnews.com

TKN on social: Facebook (@TeachKidsNews) and Twitter (@TeachKidsNews)

About Global Youth & News Media: Founded in 2018, Global Youth & News Media is an international non-profit based in France that helps news media and youth take each other seriously and honours those who do so with its annual prize program. This is the third edition of the Journalism Award. The inaugural edition honored The Guardian US and the student journalists of Marjory Douglas High School, Parkland, Florida, for their joint coverage of the March for Our Lives demonstration in Washington, DC, in support of gun control. The second edition honored news organizations in Palestine, Denmark, South Africa and the United States. Globalyouthandnewsmediaprize.net

Links:

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNagjAIJRhM>
<https://www.globalyouthandnewsmediaprize.net/2021-journalism-laureates>

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