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State Healthcare Advocate Names Winner of Art Contest: “My doctor is my friend, because ...”

On Monday, May 21st State Healthcare Advocate Kevin Lembo named the winner of the annual art contest sponsored by his office. This year, students from the Wightwood School in Branford were invited to submit a piece of their art that represents the importance of good health and health care. Students from Wightwood’s Kindergarten class submitted sketches for consideration.

This year’s winner is **Kelly Anne Tiernan** of Branford

In recognition of her accomplishment, Kelly will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. Her artwork will also be featured in the marketing material of the Office of the Healthcare Advocate.

(Attached Picture Caption: State Healthcare Advocate Kevin Lembo (r) presents this year’s art contest award to Kelly Anne Tiernan of Branford. Kelly is a kindergarten student at the Wightwood School. Also shown are Kelly’s parents, Shawn and Cheryl Tiernan (l) and Wightwood Head of School, Shelley Sprague (r). Photo credit: Office of the Healthcare Advocate.)

Background: The Office of the Healthcare Advocate was created by the General Assembly to promote and protect the interests of patients and their families who are covered under health plans in Connecticut. The office educates consumers about their rights and how to advocate on their own behalf when they have a problem or concern about their health plan. The office intercedes with health plans on behalf of patients and reports to the Governor and General Assembly on issues and trends in the health insurance marketplace. Toll free: 866-466-4446.

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