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Deffenbaugh Industries Driver Named One of Kansas City's Kindest



SHAWNEE, KAN. (May 25, 2010) – Deffenbaugh Industries residential collection driver David Vogt was recently nominated as the Kindest Kansas Citian in an essay contest sponsored by STOP Violence, a program of Synergy Services Inc. Vogt was nominated by 13 year old Coleman M. who got to know Vogt on his trash route. The essay Coleman wrote – selected as a top 20 finalist from thousands of entries submitted from many schools throughout the Kansas City area – is below.

There are many reasons to pick the Kindest Kansas Citizen. Some people are chosen for their charitable and generous donations to charities. Some people volunteer their time by helping out around the community. Some people choose a career in life that revolves around doing good things like, doctors, nurses, or priests. The citizen I chose is David Vogt because he is hardworking, kind and

always has a positive attitude.

David Vogt is our trash man and is hard-working. He does his job right with dedication and pride. He provides many people with a service that is vital to our city. He starts early every morning and completes his job every day. It is a job that many of us wouldn't want to do for a living. He is also hard-working because he never just throws our barrels on the ground, he puts them back straight up.

But those are just minor things that he does. The main reason he is hardworking is a couple of years ago his partner was injured on the job and broke his foot. David, hoping his friend would return, did all of the routes by himself; driving the truck and putting the trash in the back. This makes his day longer without anyone to help him. Now, David does the route by himself and probably won't get a replacement.

The kindness and positive attitude that David shows is amazing. He always has a smile on his face. The day could be below zero or 100 degrees, it wouldn't change the grin you see on his face. He always stops what he is doing and waves to us as we drive by him. I see him on my block picking up trash and he always takes the time to say, "Hi, how are you?" At Christmas time he says Merry Christmas by brining the barrels up the driveway for us and gives us a Christmas card. Most people complain about this jobs, but not David. His attitude and kind face can change my mood in a moment.

David's attributes of a hardworking, kind person with a positive attitude led me to choose David as my Kindest Kansas Citian. He is one of the kindest people I know. He probably doesn't realize the way he does his job has impacted me. This is why I choose David Vogt as the Kindest Kansas Citizen.