

## Winner of Red Ribbon Photo Contest announced

This time of year, many families have festive red bows hanging on their front doors. However, the red ribbon on the front door of the Canale family's home was hung to show the family's commitment to a drug-free lifestyle. The family hung the double-looped red ribbon, gathered the kids, snapped a photo, added the words, "Love Yourself, Be Drug Free," and submitted the photo to CAST's Red Ribbon Photo Contest.

CAST, the Upper Merion Area Community Alliance for a Safer Tomorrow, is a coalition of individuals from all sectors of the community working to prevent youth drug and alcohol abuse. In October, CAST celebrated Red Ribbon Week, which is a national campaign designed to immerse youth in drug awareness, education, and prevention activities. Traditionally, Red Ribbon Week takes place in schools,

and in an effort to extend its reach to families, the National Family Partnership, the sponsors of the campaign, holds a Red Ribbon Photo Contest.

To encourage local families to participate in the contest, CAST held its own local contest as well. At the December CAST meeting, it was announced that the Canale Family was the winning family, which made the six Canale children very happy since they won free

jump sessions at SkyZone in Oaks.

"It's wonderful to have the generous support of businesses in the area," said Shelton. "It's good to know that businesses support drug-free values and family fun."

For more information about CAST, visit [www.umacast.org](http://www.umacast.org). To get involved with the coalition, please contact [sshelton@umasd.org](mailto:sshelton@umasd.org).



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