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NGO awards writing competition's winners



Some winners of the volunteer's story writing competition received flowers and certificates from one of the sponsors in HCMC Press Cafe on Sunday

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The LIN Center for Community Development, a Ho Chi Minh City-based non-governmental organization, on Sunday announced the winners of its volunteer's story writing competition.

"Vietnamese are generous and love to help out but the culture of volunteering in the country is not developed yet," said Carey Zesiger from the Judith Carey Zesiger Family Foundation, which is one of the sponsors of the event.

"These stories will thus play an important role in setting examples for those involved."

Titled, "The Power of Sharing", the competition was aimed to highlight the positive impact volunteers are making in their communities.

Besides the "Best of the Week" prizes, this year's prize categories include the most inspirational story, the most committed story, the most nurturing story as well as the best example of pro bono volunteer services which show how volunteers apply their professional skills and/or experiences to support a not-for-profit organization in their communities.

"This award will encourage me to participate in more social activities in the future," said Nguyen Chau Ngoc Phu from Open University who won the "Best Listener" prize for her story of teaching kids in District 4's First of June vocational school.

Two highest prizes of VND10 million (US\$500) each were given to the Nam Gio Sang (5am) group and Nguyen Huong Dao from Nam Dinh.

This year, LIN Center received 93 essays, 32 photos and 10 videos from allover the country.