



**Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer  
Announces 2018 Youth Art Contest**

*The DDF 2018 calendar will feature original art and photography from children nationwide.*

**Fort Lauderdale, Fla** – (August 29, 2017) – Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer (DDF) is proud to announce that its 2018 Youth Art Contest is officially open for submissions. Children ages 18 years of age or younger who have been directly or indirectly affected by cancer are invited to submit their original artwork and photographs to DDF for consideration in the contest.

The annual calendar features a different artist for each month of the year and is accompanied by a headshot and a bio of the student whose work is featured. Entries not selected for the 2018 calendar will be considered for a new line of DDF greeting cards. Both the calendar and greeting cards will be available for purchase at [www.DebbiesDream.org/portal/merchandise](http://www.DebbiesDream.org/portal/merchandise) and all proceeds will help make the cure for stomach cancer a reality.

“I submitted a photo because it seemed like a lot a fun and a chance to display my artwork,” said photographer Emma Gellman, a junior at American Heritage School in Plantation Florida. “I think the calendar contest is a great opportunity for kids like me to exhibit their talent, as well as help a good cause. It was a fantastic experience being able to have my photo in the calendar and being able to take part in this organization.”

The deadline for submissions is October 1, 2017. For more information on how to enter the contest or to purchase the 2018 calendar or greeting cards, visit [www.debbiesdream.org/portal/youth-art-contest](http://www.debbiesdream.org/portal/youth-art-contest), call 954-475-1200 or email [Communications@DebbiesDream.org](mailto:Communications@DebbiesDream.org).

**About Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer**

Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer (DDF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about stomach cancer, advancing funding for research, and providing education and support internationally to patients, families, and caregivers. Debbie's Dream Foundation seeks as its ultimate goal to make the cure for stomach cancer a reality.

DDF was founded in 2009 by Debbie Zelman after she was diagnosed with stage IV incurable gastric cancer in 2008 and given only weeks to live. DDF now has a Medical Advisory Board of world renowned doctors and chapters throughout the United States and in Canada and

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Germany. Considered a “Super Survivor,” Debbie is still receiving chemotherapy almost 9 ½ years later and is thrilled to be able to watch her three children grow up. To learn more about DDF, please visit us at [www.DebbiesDream.org](http://www.DebbiesDream.org).



**Photo One:** DDF’s 2017 Youth Art Contest Participant Emma Gellman



**Photo Two:** Emma Gellman’s original photograph submission for DDF’s 2017 Youth Art Contest

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