YOUNG HERO STORY

Molly Girard

CHARACTER TRAIT   RESPECT

THE FACTS

“I just did what made sense for me to do and something I was passionate about, and wanted to make a difference.”

1. BIG MOMENT: Received the Young Heroes Award in 2010

2. GRADUATED: From Owen J. Roberts High School in Pottstown, PA in 2013

3. FUTURE PLANS: To become an Art Therapist

4. LOVES: Tattoos

Fonte: Pottstown, Pennsylvania

STUDENT ACTION BOOK
SOCIAL ISSUE:  
**LGBTQ Discrimination**

Molly was in the cafeteria eating lunch and talking with her friends. Molly heard her friend say, “Ewww, that’s so gay!” This hurt Molly’s feelings because she knows people who are gay. Molly turned to her friend and said, “You probably aren’t trying to be mean, but when you use the word ‘gay’ to say something is bad or stupid, it is hurtful.”

Molly wanted to teach her friends to use language that is respectful. She also wanted to help her teachers learn what to do when they heard students saying negative things about gay people. This was hard because some parents, principals, and teachers didn’t think school was a place to talk about LGBTQ rights. LGBTQ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning. Molly thought schools should be a safe place to talk about this.

So Molly used her Freedom of Assembly to start a club at her school! She trained her friends and teachers about the importance of accepting other people and their differences. She even started going out to other schools to teach the teachers how important this was!

Molly saw positive changes at her school. More people thought about their words before saying them. Students and teachers both learned a lot and fewer people were bullied.