

Adorable Spring Animal Posters ★ 2 Fun Quizzes You'll Love!

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room crafts

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a **movie**

**Plus!**  
Meet a girl  
who took a  
2,650-mile hike

# Shining Star

**W**atching the evening news with her parents, Gabby H. learned about victims of hurricanes, earthquakes, and violence. It made the Virginia nine-year-old wonder how a kid could help people in need. One night while chatting with her younger brother, Garrett, Gabby came up with the idea to combine his love of chess and her love for being charitable. They decided together to host a charity chess tournament.

Gabby and Garrett researched charities and got help from their family, friends, and teachers. They

planned a tournament, created a website, spread the word, and asked for donations. Their grandparents donated trophies. On the day of the event, more than 100 people showed up, helping to raise more than \$2,000. "I felt so proud of what we had done," Gabby says.

Gabby donated the money to an organization that helps families with children who have to stay in the hospital for long periods of time. And she wants to keep helping for as long as she can. "Even kids can make it a better world," Gabby says.



**You can shine, too.**  
 What do you like to play? You can plan a charity tournament around any kind of game—from basketball to table tennis to your favorite video game.

## AG Art Gallery

Spring is here!



**Julia S.**  
 Age 12, Pennsylvania



**Desiree V.**  
 Age 12, Virginia



**Annie F.**  
 Age 14, California



Help us fill our gallery!  
 Send color copies of your **original artwork** or **photos** to the address on page 7. Sorry, we can't return entries.