**Festival’s annual Shoebox float winners declared at 2022 event**

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 11, 2022) **–** The winners in the Florida Strawberry Festival’s shoebox float contest were announced this week.

The contest, sponsored by TrueStim, allows children in first through sixth grade to decorate a shoebox to look like a miniature parade float. All floats entered are on display all 11 days of the festival in the Parke Building on the Florida Strawberry Festival grounds.

In the first and second grade category, Abigail Smith won first place; Timmy Pippin won second place, Alfredo Gonzalez won third place, Jena Jones won fourth place and Linley Burris won fifth place.

In the third and fourth grade category, Cade Brock won first place; Georgia Hunter won second place, Colton Taylor won third place, Rylee Sparkman won fourth place and Chloe Bailey won fifth place.

In the fifth and sixth grade category, Camila Gutierrez- Higareda won first place, Kloe Perez won second place, Logan Burris won third place, Rylan Rollyson won fourth place and Isabella Miller won fifth place.

In the exceptional student education category, Flana Hayston won first place, Shelton Williams won second place, Josiah Jimenez won third place, Mrs. White’s Class won fourth place and Macie Jones won fifth place.

**About the Florida Strawberry Festival**

The Florida Strawberry Festival is an 11-day community event celebrating the strawberry

harvest of Eastern Hillsborough County. Each year, over 500,000 visitors enjoy the Festival’s

headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its world-

famous strawberry shortcake. The 2022 Florida Strawberry Festival will be held March 3 through March 13 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest22).

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