

**Altara Elementary School Teacher Heather Sullivan  
Wins Golden Apple Award  
Christensen Law Firm Gives \$100 Gift Card  
For Classroom Supplies**

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**October 31, 2011, Draper, UT** – The **Christensen Law Firm School Supplies Gift Program**, a program sponsored by the Utah based Christensen Law Firm, PLLC, is pleased to announce that Mrs. Heather Sullivan, a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Altara Elementary School in Sandy, UT, is this week’s recipient of the Golden Apple Award.

Ms. Sullivan has taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Altara Elementary for 14 years. She takes her responsibility as an educator very seriously and believes she can play an important role in helping assure that the needs of each one of her students are met. Ms. Sullivan notices everything in her classroom, from the little things, like a student who needs a backpack, to some of the bigger things, like a family that may not have enough food, and works with the community to help meet those needs. “Being a teacher is so much more than just teaching content,” she says, “you have to be a second mother to these kids.” She has approached several businesses in an effort to secure donations of winter clothing for students who do not have sufficient warm clothing to play at recess, like a student of hers that wears only a sweatshirt to and from school each day.

Ms. Heather Sullivan typically spends on average \$300-400 out of pocket for her students each year. In the past she has bought 10 pairs of pants, costumes for children whose parents may not be able to afford them, and countless treats and cleaning supplies to wipe down messy fingers. She plans on using the award money on a winter coat for a boy in her class that doesn’t have one and also a knit hat and gloves for him as well. She also plans on buying a backpack for a child who brings her work to school in a plastic sack, and if there is any money left over, she will buy school supplies for students to use at home to complete assignments which sometimes require students to color, cut and paste.

The Christensen Law Firm recently started the **Christensen Law Firm School Supplies Gift Program** to help public school teachers get extra classroom supplies without having to spend their own money. Each week the program gives the **Golden Apple Award**, which is a \$100 gift card each week to a deserving Utah Public school teacher and his/her class. Anyone can nominate a teacher for this program, teachers, students, parents and administrators. To learn more about the program and get information on the winners visit:

<http://www.utahpersonalinjurylawfirm.com/christensen-law-firm-school-supplies-gift-program.html>.

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