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### LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER: POETS JOINED AT THE HEART

**MARION, Ohio ( 05-04-2006 )** - Like mother, like daughter. Like her mother, 16-year-old Lindzey Robinson loves to write. In fact, she credits her mother, Linda, for giving her the gift of writing poetry – winning poetry, that is.

"My mom writes poetry, and I think I got my writing ability from her," explains the Euclid resident, whose poem titled "Life" was selected to appear in A Celebration of Young Poets, published by Creative Communications.

Writing has been a passion since elementary school for the younger Robinson, who now attends TRECA Digital Academy (TDA), where she "attends" school online at home via computer. "I love to write and be able to express myself," she explained. "When I write, I get everything off my chest."

Entering the nationwide student poetry contest was a first for Robinson, who considers herself an "A-B" student, and whose favorite class is none other than English. "Since I've been with TRECA, I've had a lot of quiet time at home to think about things, and that has helped with my poetry," says the soft-spoken Robinson, who has authored 25-plus poems.

That's how her award-winning poem was brought to life. "I wish I could take myself away from the materialistic world and break away, be free, be spiritual and try to find my purpose in life," Robinson says of her feelings expressed in "Life," which she says was a "breakthrough" poem. "There's so much confusion in the world, so many lives are wasted. But I know there's something else out there for me."

What's "out there" for the young author may be a career in music, philosophy, or a combination of the two as she pursues a college degree. "I play the saxophone and I've always loved music," she explains. "And I've always been interested in life, in the purpose of being a human being."

Amanda Keefer, TDA English Department chairman who encouraged Robinson to enter the poetry contest, is impressed with her writing skills. "Lindzey's poem is more personal because she shares her struggles and her triumphs," explains Keefer. "Anyone can see their own trials and triumphs through her poem – no matter who or how old you are. That's what makes great poetry."

Keefer said her long-term goal as a teacher is to give students the ability to appreciate and understand art in any form. "With so much emphasis on testing, we sometimes lose the importance of art in our lives," she explained. "Art gives you the ability to understand humanity from a cultural viewpoint, to gain an understanding of our morals and values."

TRECA Digital Academy students and teachers utilize the latest education technology available, including iPods and podcasts in their curriculum. To listen to the award-winning student poem, as recited by Keefer, follow this link:  
[http://tdacurr.treca.org/blogs/TDA\\_PubPoets/](http://tdacurr.treca.org/blogs/TDA_PubPoets/)

Robinson is among the 2,420 students statewide who are enrolled or take classes through TRECA Digital Academy.

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THANKS, MOM—Euclid resident and student- poet Lindzey Robinson, a sophomore at TRECA Digital Academy, was recently published in A Celebration of Young Poets. She credits her mother with her gift of poetry.

To download a high res photo of the book, "A Celebration of Young Poets," follow this link:  
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