

Senior of the Quarter

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**Nominee**

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Venetta Whitaker is a retired Education Administrator who now lives in Las Vegas.

She has traveled to war torn countries to teach others Art Therapy in order to help children and adults deal with trauma.

Venetta traveled to the south after hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans. Venetta saw first hand the impact this crisis played on families and pets.

Also a published artist, Venetta wrote & illustrated "MaJohnson and the Katrina Kats." An enjoyable story about an old lady who adopts cats after the Katrina disaster. Recently she wrote "Honey Suckle Platts; a collection of short stories and a play based on her travel and experiences with multi-cultures around the world.

Following in her footsteps, her daughter is currently teaching high school in Las Vegas and got permission to use the book as a text in this year's class. The publisher committed to donating a book for everyone sold.

A book signing was held and enough books were purchased so that Arbor View High School had the books they needed for the classroom.

Currently, Venetta and her daughter, Venetta are writing a book titled "Teaching Other People's Children". This will be a book to help teachers in their goal to educate our children.

Venetta has been active in many organizations such as the Gateway Arts Foundation, Society Organizations and is currently acting as an advisor for Education in Las Vegas.