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Miss Courtney Scott established the Carrie Elmore Award for her senior graduation project in 2011 to honor her cousin, Carrie Elmore, then a student at Central Middle School. Carrie passed away in October 2012, at eleven years old, after battling Ewing Sarcoma since the age of five. The Carrie Elmore Award consists of \$500.00 to help grant the wish of a K-8 Surry County School System student who has a chronic or terminal illness.

The 2018 recipient of the Carrie Elmore Award is Ethan Hemmings, a nine year old student at Rockford Elementary School. Ethan was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor called medulloblastoma in April of 2017. He has been undergoing treatments for the condition since his diagnosis. Ethan's wish is to go to Great Wolf Lodge in Concord, NC and Carrie's family has granted that wish. Mrs. Courtney Scott Oakley presented Ethan with the gift on August 31 at Rockford Elementary School. Mrs. Ashley Mills, SCS Educational Foundation Liaison, coordinated the presentation and award with the family.

Members of Carrie's family joined Mrs. Scott Oakley for the award presentation. They included Carrie's mother, Ms. Kristy Elmore, brother, Mr. Lee Elmore, and cousin, Ms. Kayla Scott who expressed how proud they are of Scott Oakley's commitment to her cousin and for establishing this generous award. "This gift helps the recipient to have a fun day without thinking of doctors and hospitals. We just want him to have a great time," Ms. Elmore said.

Others in attendance at the award presentation were Ethan's mother and father, Mr. Chad and Mrs. Ginger Hemmings, Dr. Travis Reeves, Superintendent of Surry County Schools, Dr. Jill Reinhardt and Mr. Kevin Via, Assistant Superintendents of Surry County Schools, Mrs. Jodi Southern, Principal and Mrs. Renee Bowman, Assistant Principal, of Rockford Elementary, and Mrs. Sue Stone of the Surry County Schools Educational Foundation Board.

Ethan's parents expressed gratitude to the Elmore family saying, "We are really overwhelmed with this kindness, and we are so excited that Ethan will get to enjoy such a fun gift!"

For more information about the Surry County Schools Educational Foundation, the Carrie Elmore Award, or to make a donation to the Carrie Elmore Fund, please visit www.scsfoundation.org or call Ashley Mills, Foundation Liaison, at (336) 386-8211.

