

# **SURRY COUNTY SCHOOLS**

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### **For Immediate Release**

#### **The Carrie Elmore Awarded for Seventh Time since 2013**

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 2022 recipient of the Carrie Elmore Award is Yoselin Avilez, an eight year old student at Cedar Ridge Elementary School. Yoselin's wish was for a "Frozen" theme playhouse. Mrs. Ashley Mills, SCS Educational Foundation Managing Director, presented Yoselin with the gift on May 31. Mr. Gerardo Linares with SCS Migrant Support helped Mrs. Mills coordinate the presentation and award with the family. Kayla Scott and Courtney Oakley expressed how excited they are to present this award to Yoselin and her family. "We want this gift to help Yoselin to have fun without thinking of doctors and hospitals. We just want her to have a great time," Kayla and Courtney Said.

Yoselin's mother expressed gratitude to the Elmore family saying, "Yoselin really loves the playhouse! It's beautiful!" Yoselin also received a play kitchen and accessories for the playhouse.

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](http://www.scsfoundation.org) or call Ashley Mills, Managing Director, at (336) 386-8211.



Photo 1: Yoselin Avilez and her mother explore the new playhouse.



Photo 2: Yoselin Avilez enjoying the inside of her new playhouse.





Photo 3: Yoselin Avilez and her mother posing with the new playhouse.