


# 2020 CDC COMPETITION

*Writing Skills Winner*



# 1ST PLACE

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*I* know why that little girl cries  
I know why she strives  
I know why she is older than she seems  
I know why she had to find her passion years later  
I know why she fought for purpose  
I know why she had to pave her own pathway  
I know why she is striving to find her placement  
I know this girl  
I have seen her fears  
I held her when no one else did  
I formed her slowly and carefully

Invited to a meeting and being her new self  
Asking questions, taking note  
Being able to speak out  
Being able to breathe  
And relaxed...  
JAG finally allowed her to grow  
Being wanted and appreciated was a relief

Taking that girl in...  
Helped her learn trust  
Helped her form new relationships  
Took her out of her own comfort and helped her heal  
Like a refreshing breath of air  
She was held and cherished carefully

Day by day she battles her inner self  
Day by day JAG makes a difference for her  
Day by day she lays roots and bonds  
Day by day she becomes more of a leader.

She finally grasped onto the passion within  
Holding on with all her might  
Realizing her purpose all over again  
Breathing in, realizing JAG gave her placement  
With JAG helping her pave a new pathway  
This girl, who grew up too soon,  
Who just needed encouragement,  
This girl is me.  
And it can be said without a doubt: There's  
No Place Like JAG

