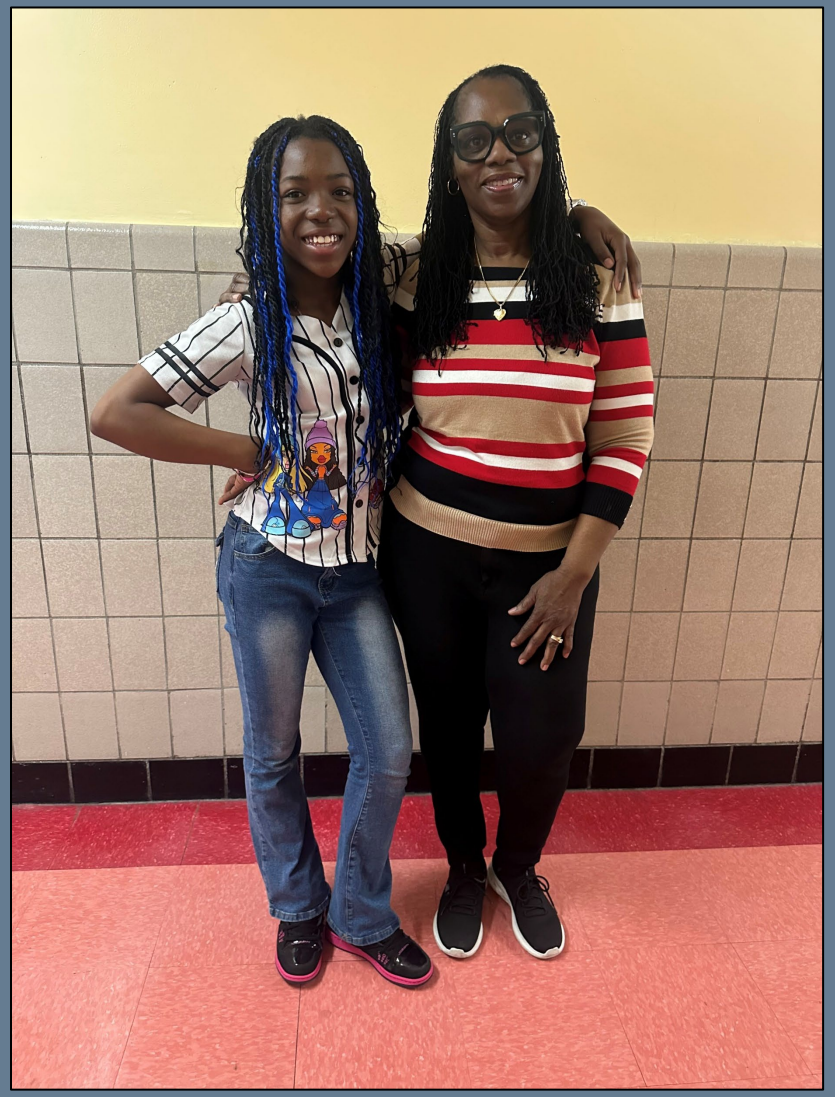
2026 New York State Missing Children's Day Poster Contest Winners

New York
First Place:

Rose Joseph
Brooklyn, NY

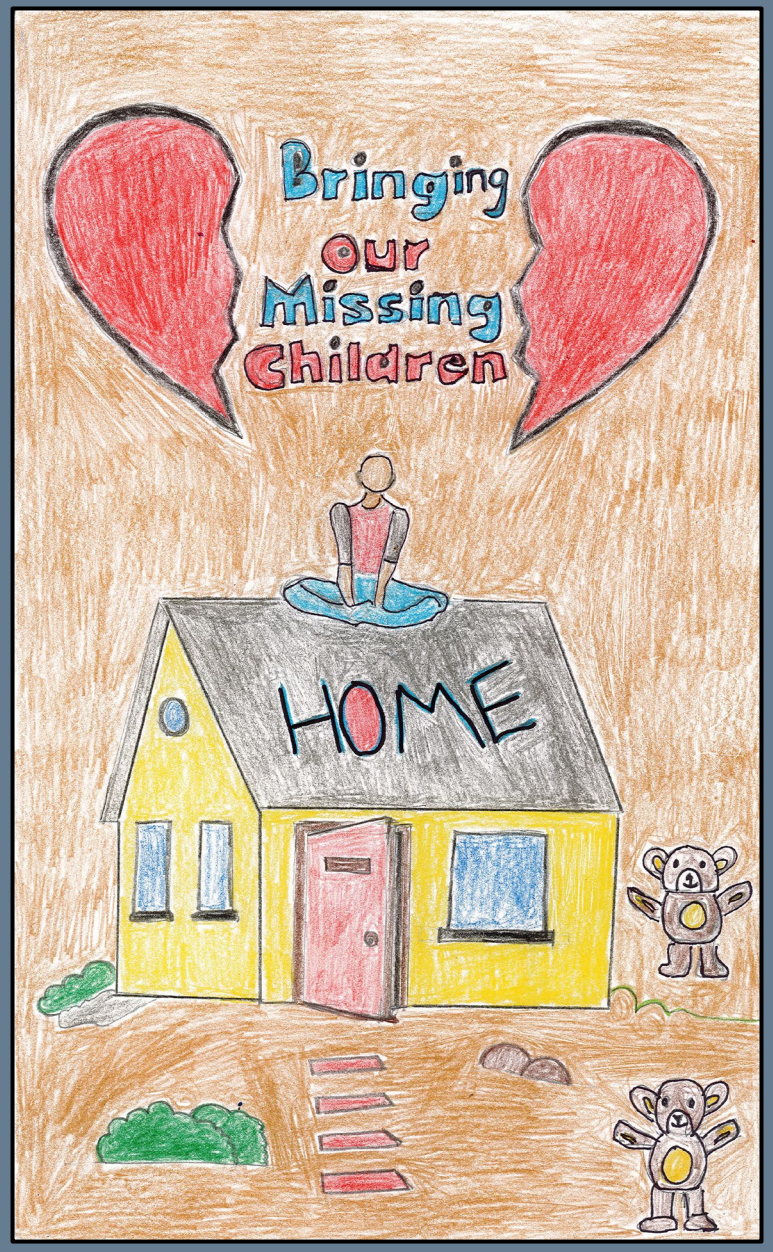
This artwork shows the emotional reality of children who are missing and waiting to be found. A child sits alone in darkness, symbolizing fear and sadness, while the teddy bear reflects loneliness. A warm light shines from a doorway where adults stand with open arms, representing hope, safety and the love of family. Butterflies flying toward the light remind us that even in the darkness, there is still hope.

Rose Joseph with her teacher Mrs. Dunn



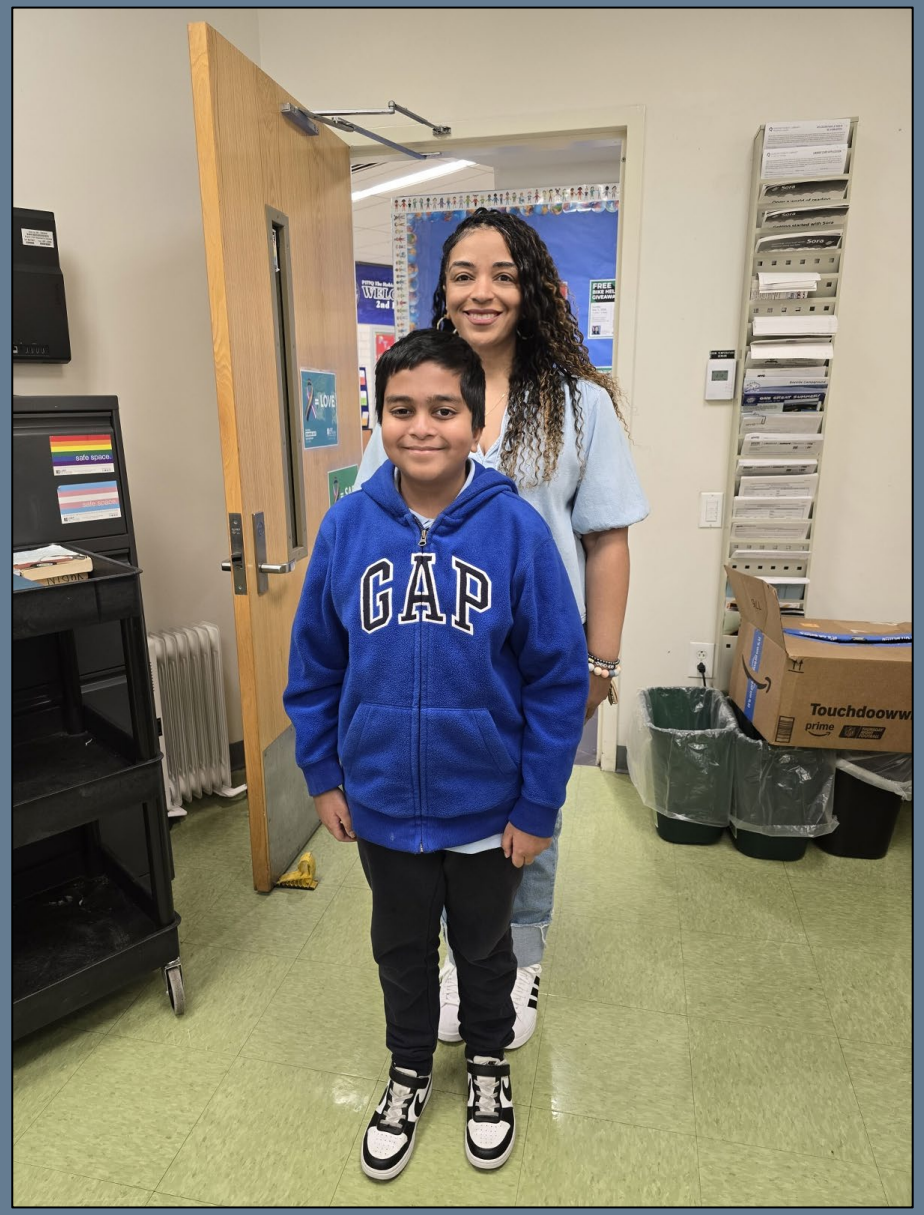
New York
Second Place:

William
Ramsaroop
Queens, NY



My poster reminds people that every missing child is important and we need to do our best to find them. My poster has a broken heart and children looking to find their way back home. The boy sits on top of his home as a symbol of awareness.

William Ramsaroop with his teacher Ms. Gilles



New York
Third Place:

Khaylie Whyte
Brooklyn, NY

I created my poster because I empathize with families who have lost their children because they have been abducted. I feel there is not much emphasis on this topic especially if a family has not been directly affected. My poster conveys the message of pain and worry as families wait for their missing children to return home. My poster illustrates pain, hope and protection. I wanted to show even though there is sadness when children are missing, there is hope they can be brought back home.

Khaylie Whyte with her teacher Mrs. Dunn