

# Shining Star



**M**imi A. wants to do all she can to help homeless animals. Every month, the 13-year-old helps to deliver bag after heavy bag of pet food to an animal shelter near her home in Oregon. "There are tens of thousands of dogs and cats in animal shelters across the country, all needing to be fed a good meal," Mimi says.

But where does she get all that food? Last year, Mimi played an online game that donated food to a world hunger program for each question that a player answered correctly. Thinking that she could use the idea to help feed homeless animals, Mimi got help from her parents and started two Web sites—one to help feed dogs, and the other to feed cats.

Both of Mimi's sites feature a daily trivia question. When a player answers the question—right or wrong—a pet-food company donates ten pieces of food. That might not sound like much, but it adds up fast! So far, Mimi's Web site has generated one million meals for dogs and cats living at shelters around the United States, including Mimi's local shelter!

"I love seeing the shelves in the storage rooms fill up," Mimi says. "It's great to be able to feed homeless dogs and cats."



# How Do You Shine?


AG readers are great at helping others. Your efforts could make you our next Shining Star. In the past, we have featured:

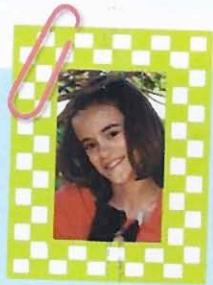
- \* a girl who makes and sells jewelry to benefit different charities,
- \* a girl whose family volunteers to raise and train rescued kittens,
- \* a girl who donated her hair to a program that makes wigs for kids who need them, and
- \* a girl who tutors homeless children and also organizes donation drives.

Tell us how you're **helping**. We want to hear about how you **volunteer**, raise money, solve problems, or simply make your school or community a **happier** place. Send your story and a photo to the address on page 7.

## Reader Recipe

### Bethany's Apple Treat

 Ask an adult to peel and chop 1 apple and put the pieces into a small bowl. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon brown sugar over the apple pieces and ask an adult to microwave for 90 seconds. If the apple pieces haven't softened, microwave for another 30 seconds. If you'd like, add a marshmallow on top of the apples for the last few seconds of cooking. Let cool before eating.



Bethany S.

Age 12, Illinois

Bethany's tip: "It's great with a small scoop of vanilla ice cream!"

Send your yummy—and easy—recipes to the address on page 7.

