



**2019 REFUGEES & HUMAN RIGHTS  
CHILD & YOUTH POETRY CONTEST  
DIVISION 1 - GRADES 4 TO 6**

**KAITLYN CHEN, GRADE 6  
TRINITY MONTESSORI SCHOOL  
FIRST PRIZE**



**I AM A REFUGEE**

I am a refugee.

I have been travelling for so long.

My backpack is heavy with memories.

Memories of fear, destruction and despair.

Memories of the home I left behind.

Of the people I lost.

And the places I will no longer be able to see.

But in my backpack I also have hope.

I have courage to diminish fear.

And perseverance, to keep me alive.

I have determination to reach a new home.

But most importantly, I have memories of my family and of a distant past.

My memories give me hope.

They help me dream of a new home and a new life.

Away from the destruction, away from the injustice that now presides over my once-peaceful home.

I have dreams of a better tomorrow.

I am refugee.