You can help protect our water by doing some really easy things:

Keep trash out of it

Don't waste it

Teach others

Janiyha, Age 7

Water Hugs

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is an opportunity for Port St. Lucie
Utility Systems to bring awareness
to the many ways we all can help
keep our environment thriving.

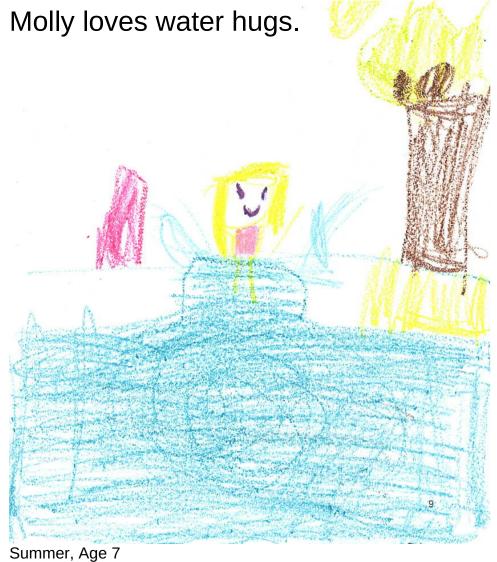You can impact and influence
those around you
by leading the way.

This book is dedicated

to all of the amazing girls and boys

who take such good care of our water.

Sophia, Age 7

Jean, Age 8

Molly ran back down to the waves and into the arms of the water.

She laughed and splashed.

Molly loves water hugs.

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"Well, when you get in the water,
it wraps around you. Right?
And it makes you feel happy. Right?
And you feel love."

"Right!" Molly smiled.

"That sounds like a hug to me!"
her mom said.

Molly loves the water.

She loves all kinds of water.

From the bathtub to the ocean,
Molly loves every drop.

Finnegan, Age 7

Naima, Age 7

She takes good care of it too.
She doesn't litter or pollute.
And she doesn't waste it.

When she's with her friends, Molly
makes sure they take good care
of the water too.

"You're right," her mom said.

"You can't hug the water. But maybe,
just maybe, the water hugs you."

"What do you mean?" Molly asked.

Laela, Age 8

Isabella, Age 7

Her mom smiled and leaned down to give Molly a hug.

One day when Molly and her mom were at the beach, Molly was splashing around in the waves.

She was grabbing at the water.

It looked like she was trying to catch it.
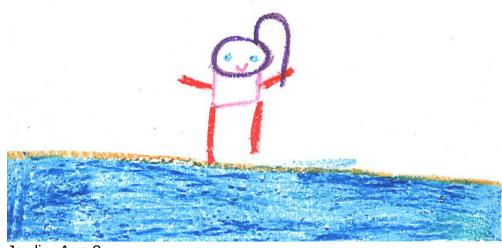

Annabelle, Age 8

Madelyn, Age 8

Molly turned slowly, leaving the water behind. She walked up to the blanket.

"Why are you so sad?" her mom asked.

"I can't hug the water," Molly said.

"I've tried and tried. I just love it so much. And when you love something, you show it how much you love it."

Bella, Age 8

Jordin, Age 8