## **Elora Thompson**

## **Believe**

I believe in nature,

that adventures lie out the door starting with the first touch of bare feet on cool summer grass.

I believe in the full shady trees,

that hold endless amount of grace for the diligent worker.

I believe in the long dirt roads,

made for Sunday walks, life talks, and memorable family moments.

I believe in color

that even the vibrant yellow dandelions in the lush green hayfield attract the eye and bring warmth to the soul.

I believe in the rush that engulfs the soul,

when the wind rushes by on the long four wheeler rides home, diminishing fear and worry from the world.

I believe in pausing,

to watch the horses dance in the forever fields, while the clouds in their majesty stream delicate beams above.

I believe in the dog,

who loyally follows his best friend through even the hardest of trials and the darkest of times.

I believe in the soundless lake,

that ripples calmly at the water's edge as the peaceful day comes to an end while dramatic sunsets take their bow.

I believe in family

though tired from soccer, school, and little quarrels over dishes, make time to read books and laugh late into the night.

I believe in people

that every person has a story and every story has a beginning.

I believe in love

love that has the power to fix broken hearts, mend the worried mind, and bring pure joy to all who believe.

I believe in life that lets me believe.

I believe to live.