

Students in Clark County raise over \$24,000 for lifesaving cancer research

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Students in 15 Clark County Schools proudly participated in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Pennies for Patients program, one of LLS's national School & YouthSM Programs that raises money to find cures for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma while providing information and support services to patients and their families.

Pennies for Patients teaches students caring, sharing, respect for others and the value of community service, in addition to supporting an important cause. The need for cures is critical: leukemia remains the leading cause of disease-related death among children under 20 and blood cancers are the #3 cancer killer in North America. Over 4,000 individuals in Kentucky and Southern Indiana are currently battling a blood cancer.

Schools ran the Pennies for Patients program during various months during the 2012-13 school year. Some schools hosted kickoff assemblies to promote classroom competitions, while others sold paper pennies or participated in creative events. The 15 schools that participated raised \$24,510.88 to help LLS advance its mission to find cures. The following schools participated in the program raising the amounts stated below.

Bridgepoint Elementary School- \$2,366.17

Charlestown High School- \$590.74

Clarksville High School- \$1,900

Jeffersonville High School- \$525

Jonathan Jennings Elementary School- \$1,394.67

Maple Elementary School- \$493.18

New Washington Middle/ High School- TBD

Northaven Elementary School- \$769.54

Parkview Middle School- \$500

River Valley Middle School- \$500.28

Silver Creek Elementary School- \$6,569.68

Silver Creek High School- \$150

Silver Creek Primary School- \$4,280.54

Thomas Jefferson Elementary- \$1,835.90

WE Wilson Elementary School- \$1,857.54

William W. Borden Elementary School- \$776.84

Silver Creek Elementary was recognized as the Top School in the Chapter through their amazing donation of \$6,569.68. The monies raised at both the Elementary and Primary School in Sellersburg were raised in honor of Aiden Johnson, who is currently battling leukemia.

Currently, 364 schools in the Kentucky and Southern Indiana Chapter have raised over \$365,000 through the Pennies for Patients program. Combined with over \$18,000 in local sponsorships, the Pennies for Patients program has raised over \$383,000 – the most ever in the history of the Kentucky & Southern Indiana Chapter.

“It was so inspiring to know that the students and staff really care about helping others,” said Shelia Gustafson, School and Youth Campaign Manager for the Kentucky & Southern Indiana Chapter. “It’s a program that is truly meaningful for them because leukemia is a disease that impacts children. Students learn that they can really make a difference.”

For more information about LLS's School & Youth Programs, visit www.schoolandyouth.org/ky. The Kentucky & Southern Indiana Chapter is located at 301 E. Main Street, Ste 100, Louisville, KY 40202, 1-800-955-2566 or 502-584-8490.

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About The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society® (LLS) is the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer. The LLS mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world and provides free information and support services.

Founded in 1949 and headquartered in White Plains, NY, LLS has chapters throughout the United States and Canada. To learn more, visit www.LLS.org or contact the Information Resource Center at 800-955-4572, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET. www.lls.org.