

Brookside student gives back by collecting clothes

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A student from Brookside Public School has helped the environment and a personal cause through a class project.

In Mrs. Schumaker's Grade 2/3 class they have a doll called "Nobody" the students each get it for a week and are to do something to help others or the environment to make this "Nobody" turn into a "Somebody". Student Erica Murray chose to help an organization that means a lot to her family - The Canadian Diabetes Association and their Clothesline program.

"Erica has worked so hard; hanging posters in town, collecting items, lugging the items around. I am proud how a little girl could make a difference and thought others may also feel the same way," said Erica's mother, Kerri. "She has kept a ton of things out of the landfill, helped people with diabetes, helped people get inexpensive clothes and also helped others de-clutter their homes."

Kerri said Erica chose the Canadian Diabetes Association because her son, Erica's brother, Brandon has juvenile diabetes, and she wanted to help this organization. She added that Erica cares a great deal for her brother and tries to help.

She also praised Mrs. Schumaker for initiating the project

at the school. Erica had added an insulin pump to the "Nobody" doll and socks since she got so many clothes.

Kerri said bags of clothing were dropped off at the school and at their home. She said everyone was overwhelmed by the number of bags of clothes Erica had collected.

"She was so surprised and so excited to get so much," said Kerri.

The bags of clothes were picked up by the Diabetes Association last week.

November is also diabetes awareness month. The Canadian Diabetes Association is leading the fight against diabetes by helping people with diabetes live healthy lives while they work to find a cure.

Today, more than nine million Canadians live with diabetes or prediabetes, a condition that, if left unchecked, puts you at risk of developing type 2 diabetes. This means that nearly one in four Canadians has either diabetes or prediabetes. More than 20 people are diagnosed with the disease every hour of every day. Early diagnosis and good diabetes management can reduce the risk. The Association is asking individuals to visit diabetes.ca to see the stories of incredible volunteers, sponsors, members, partners, researchers and supporters who are living healthy with diabetes, advocating for the cause and breaking ground towards a cure.



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Erica Murray is surrounded by the bags of clothing she collected at her school for the Canadian Diabetes Associations Clothesline program.

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