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# Helping others turns children into community somebodies

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For the Grade 1 and 2 class at Port Hope's Central Public School, they can now say that every nobody can become a somebody.

Cheryl Langille brought the Who Is Nobody program to her class for the second year, supported by Rotary International and sponsored by the Printing House.

The class receives a

featureless doll, and with activities they organize to help the community, the doll gains features to show their hard work.

"The doll starts as nobody, and ends up as a community somebody," explained Dee Gannon, vice-principal of Central Public School.

Mrs. Langille said some of last year's young participants requested the program for this year.

"And there was such a positive response from parents,"



Cheryl Langille and her Grade 1-2 class at Central Public School in Port Hope made their 'Nobody' doll into a community 'Somebody' by covering it in pieces they've collected while helping out different community organizations.

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she said.

The class organized a penny drive that raised \$123.50 for Free The Children, Adopt A Village. Then the children took turns taking the doll home, and starting an initiative on their own.

"They had to help people, environment or animals," Mrs. Langille explained.

One boy brought in cupeakes and donated the money to the Humane Society, and one little girl girl participated in a walk-a-thon and raised \$400 for the fight against Alzheimer's disease.

"It helped them realize that every little thing makes a difference to someone... whether they're big or small, they're important," Mrs. Langille said.

Breanna Bradshaw, a second grader, helped out the Humane Society with her own money.

"I bought them, with my own allowance, all the cats and dogs some cats and dogs toys. They didn't really have any. So I thought they could use some," she said.

Austin Cornelius also wanted to help animals with his contribution. "I gave the Shelter of Hope \$60 and gave toys," he said. To raise the money, Austin painted sun catchers and magnets and sold them to his classmates, family and friends.

He said he wanted to help an organization that helped animals because "they don't get treated good, and sometimes they are hunted."

For helping the community, all of the students receive a bracelet bearing the words "I'm a somebody."

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