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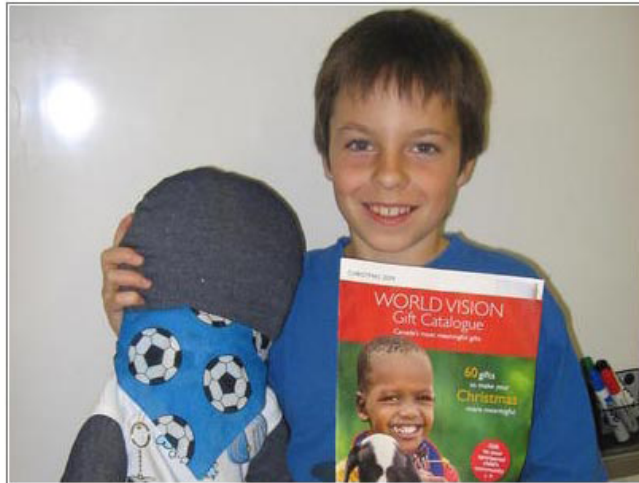
Nobody Project creates lasting impression with students

Barrhaven Public School raises money for former pupil, others

Grade 5 students at Barrhaven Public School are doing whatever they can to turn nobodies into somebodies.

Led by French immersion teacher Michelle Casimir, the students started a campaign through the Nobody Project to raise money in support of Abbie Jarvis, a special needs student who died last November.

"I suggested to the class, 'Why don't we have a coin drive for the Down Syndrome Association?'" Casimir said. "That's what the kids did. They had announcements and then we did the coin drive for about a week. Then collected all the coins, counted all the coins, and donated \$918.16 to the Down Syndrome Association."



Nobody Project creates lasting impression with students. Barrhaven Public School Grade 5 student Alex Bhend shows off the Nobody doll that the children take home while completing their individual fundraising venture. In addition, Alex and the rest of his classmates raised \$918.16 for the Down Syndrome Association. *Submitted photo*

A cheque was presented to association board member Jay Innes along with Abbie's mother Kelly in attendance on Jan 19.

In addition, each child was given the opportunity to carry out a unique individual fundraising project.

Children picked an organization that was relevant to them or family and raised money through bottle drives or by going door-to-door. Charitable organizations included the Cardiac Institute, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and the Humane Society.

"The kids have really taken off with this project," Casimir said. "I think it's fantastic for them to get involved with the community and do things for others."

More information about the Nobody Project can be found at www.whoisnobody.com.

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