

Good News: Students make dreams come true for kids with life-threatening illnesses

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Jackson Lazor, a member of Troop 473, recently created a sitting area at Walter Jones Park as his Eagle Scout project. He did the project with help from troop members, parents and other volunteers.

Students from more than 20 area schools conducted car washes, bake sales, talent shows, dances and other fundraisers to fulfill the dreams of 23 children battling life-threatening illnesses. Their tally was \$55,745. They were participants in Dreams Come True's Kids Helping Kids program for the 2012-13 school year.

After raising the funds, each group hosts a Celebration of Life party, which allows the students to spend time with their sponsored dream child.

The first program was established at The Bolles School more than 24 years ago. Today, the school has three active groups, and together, they raised more than \$15,000 this year, a news release said. That includes \$3,500 from a business fair.

The participants were: Assumption Catholic School; Florida State University College of Medicine Pediatrics Interest Group; Bartram Trail High School students and its Interact Club; Ivy League Academy; Journey Church's middle school group; The Bolles School fifth-graders, eighth-graders and its Dreams Come True Club on its upper school campus; Kings Chapel Elementary School in Perry, Ga.; Lakeside Junior High School Chorus; Martin J. Gottlieb Day School; Cedars Hill Christian School; Nova Southeastern University; Durbin Care Kids Club; Riverside Presbyterian Day School; Durbin Creek Elementary School; San Jose Episcopal Day School; Education First Homestay Program; St. Andrews School in Savannah; Episcopal High School; Switzerland Point Middle School; Flagler College; University of Florida Panhellenic Council; Fruit Cove Middle School and Fletcher High School.

For information on how to participate, call (904) 296-3030.