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## Nickels and dimes add up for Children Making Change

Youth charitable effort raises \$11,017

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MARGATE – Laura Dulac beamed Monday afternoon as volunteers and their parents converged at Huntington Avenue and the beach to get the tally on a grassroots effort that caught on this summer called Children Making Change.

“We set a goal of raising \$10,000 this summer, and although some people told me I was crazy and we could never manage that, we have really done something that every single person should be proud of,” Dulac said.

“We did this with bake sales, car washes, yard sales and even singing telegrams. You should all be so proud of yourselves for what you have been able to accomplish in a very short period of time.”

With that she held up a check for the amount raised – \$11,017 – drawing cheers from the crowd. No one but Dulac knew the total until that point.

A little more than two months ago, Dulac, who lives in Margate, brought together 100 children and their parents with the idea that each child could do something over the course of the summer to raise money to help others.

“All of the small efforts, when they all come together, can have a real impact and help someone in need. We also wanted to create a love of helping others in the children,” she said earlier this summer when the volunteer effort was coming together.

Dulac came up with the idea of Children Making Change and shared her ideas with friends.

The Margate children reached out to their friends, and soon the effort expanded to Northfield, Linwood, Galloway Township and a few towns in between. The children chose five charities to be the beneficiaries of their odd jobs and fundraisers by vote at their first meeting June 14: the Atlantic County Women’s Shelter, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey Southern Branch, the Kira Cundiff Foundation, the Little Rock Foundation and Sister Jean’s Kitchen.

The children were divided into teams and went to work this summer to raise money.

Representatives of all five charities were present Monday, Aug. 24 to accept the donations.

John Roski, representing Sister Jean’s Kitchen, thanked the group and said the donation will provide hundreds and hundreds of meals for people who have no means of their own to have a nutritious meal.

Margie Barham, the new director of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey Southern Branch in Egg Harbor Township, was touched by effort of children to make it possible to feed more families.

Theresa Mochetti of the Atlantic County Women’s Shelter thanked the children and their parents for not forgetting about women in need.

Rocco Fiorentino and his father, Rocco Sr., represented the Little Rock Foundation started in 1997 to aid blind children. Fiorentino said the money would be used to bring blind children to summer camp.

The final recipient was the Kira Cundiff Foundation. Bill, Lisa and Billy Cundiff accepted the donation, saying that Kira taught them a great deal about love and compassion in her short life and that the money would help other young children suffering tumors such as the one that claimed Kira in June.

Dulac said she has already gotten inquiries from five other cities interested in establishing a similar program giving the youngest of citizens a chance to make a difference.

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