

Slices of life: 6-year-old girl donates allowance to local cancer center

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Dougllassville, PA - After Madison Detwiler, 6, Dougllassville, saw TV coverage of a little girl who has cancer, she realized that she wanted to give and help people fighting cancer. She took action by saving up her allowance, totaling \$60 to donate to the Pottstown Memorial Regional Cancer Center.

Peggy Neese, registered nurse and patient care director at the hospital, discussed how endearing it was to see Madison deliver the money she saved in a Ziploc bag.

Her mother, Candace, accompanied her to the center to make the donation, made up of bills and coins, to Neese, who was grateful for Madison's efforts when she called to arrange to drop off her donation.

"I was in awe of this 6-year-old child wanting to do this," she said.

"It's amazing that a little child would want to give and show compassion at such a young age," she said.

Candace proudly acknowledged Madison's efforts.

"She got a little help from family and friends, but the whole idea to donate money to help patients was Madison's idea," Candace said.

Neese said the center decided to give the money Madison raised to a young patient suffering from lung cancer who has been unable to afford medication.

The money went toward the purchase of his medication.

Madison was recognized at the Cancer Survivor's Dinner in September for her kind act.

"It was to serve as a reminder to others that you meet people every day who inspire you and that every dollar helps with everything from medical bills to research and equipment," Neese said.

If you would like more information on the Pottstown Memorial Regional Cancer Center visit www.pottstownmemorial.com.

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Courtesy of Pottstown Memorial Regional Cancer Center

Madison Detwiler, 6, center, saved up her allowance to donate to the Pottstown Memorial Regional Cancer Center. Peggy Neese, left, a registered nurse and patient care director, and Debbie Kurtz, registered nurse and assistant patient care director at the hospital, accepted the \$60 donation from Madison, which was used to help a young patient with lung cancer purchase medication.



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