

School News from the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario

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Students Raise Donation for Accident Victim's Family

Russell, ON – Students in Mrs. Jenifer Gunton's Grade 4 class at Mother Teresa Catholic School in Russell are showing how they have embodied the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario's theme, *Called to serve... as disciples of Christ* by helping a local family struck by tragedy.

Last year, a former Mother Teresa student was involved in a serious accident. Mrs. Gunton told the class about the tragedy and student Riley Humber came up with an idea. "I just thought that we could raise some money to help out his family. I felt bad for what he was going through, and for what his family was going through too, so I thought this would be the best thing to do."

Out of that idea came *Coins of Hope*. Mrs. Gunton's class called on the entire school to donate any type of coin to the cause. Thanks to the efforts of the school and its Catholic community, a total of \$2,718.25 was collected for the family.

Mrs. Gunton said, "The money will help this family as they move together through a very difficult rehabilitation. This donation can help in so many ways, such as purchasing equipment to make his home more accessible. We do know that this will certainly make things a little easier for his entire family after all of the costs they have incurred."

Student Emily Spence said that the donation was only the beginning of the class' efforts to help the family. "We also prayed together for his recovery and for his parents to have strength. We made cards for his family because they are going through so much and we really wanted them to know that we care."

Mother Teresa Principal David Guertin said he is very proud of Mrs. Gunton's class, and the entire school. "It's a wonderful thing when you see your students sharing the Gospel values of love, hope and faith with others. They have been an inspiration to this family in their time of need, and indeed an inspiration to our entire community as we continue to pray for this boy's recovery."

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Attached Photos: Mother Teresa coins1.jpg – Mother Teresa Catholic School Teacher Jenifer Gunton (right) and some of her students who helped raise more than \$2,700 for a local accident victim’s rehabilitation



Mother Teresa coins2.jpg – Mother Teresa Catholic School Teacher Jenifer Gunton (back right) and her Grade 4 class who raised more than \$2,700 for a local accident victim's rehabilitation

