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Pattonville schools raise more than \$7,600 for tsunami victims

Students and staff in several Pattonville schools raised more than \$7,600 to support victims of the recent tsunami tragedy in Southeast Asia. Their joint efforts combined to provide funds for international relief agencies such as the International Red Cross and UNICEF.

Students and staff at **Bridgeway Elementary, Drummond Elementary** and **Willow Brook Elementary** sold blue “peace” wristbands to raise funds. Drummond also held a special fund-raiser at a school event, which included a silent auction and dance performances by its Indonesian students. Combined, these schools raised more than \$1,400. **Parkwood Elementary** students and staff collected change, held a candy sale and allowed students to pay 50 cents to wear a hat to school. They raised a total of \$561. **Pattonville Heights Middle School** held a coin drive to support a “Hands Across the Water” benefit concert for the tsunami victims and raised more than \$275.

Holman Middle School students of teacher Sandy Hankins were studying tsunamis when the tragedy occurred and decided to collect funds from their teachers and classmates. Students produced posters, banners and videotaped informational messages about the tsunami victims and asking for donations. The students raised \$1,700, which was earmarked to purchase emergency health kits for tsunami victims. Each kit contained medical supplies to cover the basic health needs for three months for a single individual.

Students in the English for Language Learners (ELL) program at **Pattonville High School**, along with their teacher, Aida Greenburg, and the International Club, spent time collecting funds from teachers and classmates to donate to the Red Cross International Response Fund for tsunami victims. Combined with donations collected by the Pattonville High School Student Council, the high school raised more than \$3,300.

Staff members at the **Pattonville Learning Center** donated \$5 each to participate in a “Dress Down Day” to benefit the tsunami victims. The drive raised \$330, which was given to the Red Cross for its relief efforts.

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