

# Fund-Raising Projects

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## Project Jerry

Jerry Popilus is a 7th-grade student who was seriously injured in a fall in September, just days after the new school year started. Jerry, a member of Mrs. Greene's homeroom for the second year, is recovering and expects to be back in school by October 1. Since most of the other students in Mrs. Greene's homeroom **new** Jerry very well from last year, they decided to conduct a fund-raising project to raise money to help pay Jerry's medical bills. The project lasted for three week in September and one week in October. Principal Hairston approved the project, and Mrs. Greene volunteered to supervise the activity and serve as custodian of the funds. More than twenty students participated in this worthwhile project, which is known as Project Jerry.

## Raising Funds

The participating students **wear** divided into four teams—Team Red, Team Blue, Team White, and Team Green. The local community was divided into four territories. Each team wrote and hand-delivered business letters to eight businesses in their assigned territory. The letters asked for permission to place collection cans in the businesses. Of the 32 businesses asked, 24 agreed to participate in the project. A student was responsible for collecting the money at each business every Monday after school. The students gave the money to Mrs. Greene, who deposited it in an appropriate school account, where it remained throughout the project. At the end of the project, the teams delivered thank-you letters to the businesses that took part in the project. In addition, Project Jerry, the names of the students who participated, and the names of the businesses that supported the project will be mentioned in the next school district newsletter.

## Funds Raised

Zakir Shaheed served as captain of Team Red. Helen Poff was the leader in collecting money for this team. Jim Kite raised the second highest amount. The total amount collected by Team Red was \$146.65.

Mary Charles and Nat Moore served as cocaptains of Team Blue. Jim Durham was the leader in collecting money for this team. Janet Youngman raised the second highest amount. The total amount collected by Team Blue was \$132.98.

Leah Killington served as captain of Team White. Bob Deardon was the leader in collecting money for this team. Kelly Sanderson raised the second highest amount. The total amount collected by Team White was \$157.24.

Sally Kingman and Lonnie Ramirez served as cocaptains of Team Green. Lawrence Davidson was the leader in collecting money for this team. Nancy Williams raised the second highest amount. The total amount collected by Team Green was \$165.89. Together the four teams raised \$602.76.

### **Presentation of Funds**

Mrs. Greene has received permission from Principal Hairston to have a representative from each team present the funds to Jerry and his parents at the school assembly that is scheduled for October 21 in the Middle School Auditorium. If Jerry's parents cannot attend the assembly, an alternative date will be selected. One possibility is to present the funds at the Middle School Open House that is scheduled for late October.

### **Thanks**

The team leaders want to thank all of the students who participated in this worthwhile event. Each student can be proud of his or her efforts to help a friend in need.