

Chino Champion (CA)

Lemonade sales raise \$6,400 for foundation

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The third annual lemonade stand fundraiser held Aug. 9 raised \$6,400 for **The Let It Be Foundation**. More than 200 volunteers manned 18 booths in **the** Chino Valley. Of **the** 200, 175 were youth. **The** event was organized by **the foundation's** Junior Advisory Team. **The foundation** supports children with life-threatening medical conditions by providing home maintenance, tutoring, gift cards for gas and restaurants, and individual needs **the** family may have.

It was founded by **the** parents of Karla Asch-Rosen, a 15-year-old Chino Hills High student who died from brain cancer in 2006.

"I feel like I'm so close to Karla when I help **the foundation**," said 17-year-old Karleigh Franchino, chairwoman of **the** lemonade stand at Henry's Marketplace, and co-team leader of **the** Junior Advisory Board. "This would make her so happy."

Karleigh, who will **be** a senior at Chino Hills High, said she remembered how Karla contributed to **the** community even when suffering from her illness.

"Now that she's gone, I feel like I'm so close to her when I'm giving back **the** way she did," Karleigh said.

Amanda Saunders, 9, walked around **the** parking lot at Henry's inviting customers to enjoy **the** lemonade. "I like doing this because **it's** fun and I get to help kids who are very sick," she said.

Foundation president Ruthe Rosen said **the** amazing part of **the** fundraiser was how **the** youth reacted when **the** community complimented them for what they were doing.

She said **the** youth were still talking about **it** when they came back to **the foundation** warehouse to break down **the** stands. "These kids realize they're making a difference," she said.

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