$1,700 Raised At 2017 “Bond-Fire”

The “Bond Fire,” held February 17th that was planned by Newark High School PLUS student group _ Positive Leaders Uniting Students _ raised $1,700 to benefit a local student battling cancer and the Wayne County Children’s Cancer Fund.

NCSD Coordinator of Student Affairs and PLUS advisor Jay Flock said the money raised this year at the fundraising/community awareness event brings to a total of nearly $6,000 raised for the cause as a result of these three annual events.

Last year PLUS raised more than $2,500 at the event that is held on the NHS and Newark Middle School campus, behind the schools.

The intent again this year was to to be the light shining into the darkness from the huge bonfire, with hopes it would not only warm everyone, but warm their spirits as well.

Flock said the community responded again, showing cancer patients that they are not in the fight alone _ that there is a community of support behind them.

He also thanked the Peter C. Herman Inc., a Marion pallet manufacturing company and Morgan Recreational Supply Inc. in Farmington for providing pallets for free to be burned in the bonfire at each of the last three events.

Between 200 and 300 are burned at the February evening event that lasts between four to five hours.

Flock also thanked:

- The Village of Newark for providing him with a truck to use to get the pallets.
- The Newark, Marbletown and Fairville fire departments for managing the bonfire at this year's event.
- The Newark Arcadia Volunteer Ambulance service for being on stand-by at the event.
- Dunkin Donuts in Newark for donating hot chocolate that was sold at the event.
- Alessandro's Pizzeria in Lyons for donating pizza that was sold.
- Various individuals that made baked goods that were sold.
- McDonald's in Newark for donating some door prizes.
- NHS and Newark Middle School maintenance workers for helping to setup before the Feb. 17th event and cleaning up afterward.

Flocked also thanked everyone that attended "Bond-Fire" and those not able to attend that supported the event.

"Anyone who would still like to support the cause can send a donation to the Wayne County Children's Cancer Fund," Flock said.

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