



COOKIES FOR KIDS CANCER – Megan Comer

I have attended the Julie Foudy Soccer Leadership Camp at the Peddie School for two years and I was fortunate enough to be awarded a grant for my project both times. My project was to hold a bake sale to raise money for pediatric cancer research. I developed my project idea because my mother and I love to bake and because pediatric cancer is a cause I feel strongly about. Last January, my best friend Elizabeth passed away from brain cancer at just fourteen. Ever since then I have enjoyed raising money and awareness for pediatric cancer.

After returning home from camp, my mom and I did some research on other similar fundraisers that people had already done. We found the organization called Cookies for Kids Cancer, which is an organization that does what it says. So, my mother and I decided to do our bake sale through this organization.

For decades my family has gone up to Hunter Mountain to ski during the winter. We own condos at the Kaatskill Mountain Club. We asked the managers if we could have our bake sale there and they said “yes!” For weeks my mom and I baked batches of chocolate chip, double chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, chocolate and regular sugar cookies, and peanut butter cookies.

Transporting the cookies three hours up north to the mountain may have been stressful but it was worth it. We set up in the lobby and also had a donation jar that was heavily used. The first year of our bake sale we made around \$600. This year, my mom and I raised around \$900! The bake sales were a huge success!

The grant that I received from the Foundation went towards the ingredients my mom and I needed in order to make the massive amounts of cookies we baked. The grant was a tremendous help and I know I will continue to do this bake sale every year.

Thank you for believing in my project and awarding me the grant!

Sincerely,

Megan Comer

