

February 11, 2022

Lowe's Store Manager  
Lowe's Store #1155  
7901 Callaghan Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78229

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am a current sophomore student at Thomas Jefferson High School here in San Antonio and I am working on a personal project for school. My project is on rare diseases and bringing awareness to the rare disease community. This project is special to me because I am an individual with a rare disease. The disease I have is called Phenylketonuria (PKU).

The goal of my project is to educate the San Antonio community about Rare Disease Day and have the local community join in on a virtual, contactless campaign called #LightUpForRare. Rare Disease day and the Light Up for Rare campaign both take place on the rarest day of the year, Monday, February 28th. The Light Up for Rare concept began in 2019 when the Empire State Building in New York City was striped in pink, green, blue, and purple, the colors of Rare Disease Day. Now, buildings, monuments, and landmarks Light Up for Rare every year to put a spotlight on the over 7,000 known rare diseases and advocate for health equity for those affected by rare diseases.

You can help by participating in the campaign or sharing this information with your workplace, friends, and family. You can also share facts about rare diseases from the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) and Rare Disease Day websites to social media platforms.

Would you please consider donating light bulbs to me in the colors pink, green, blue, and purple so that I may distribute to them during three upcoming events? The first event is a SAISD Jefferson YWLA Education Leadership Council (JYELC) meeting on 2/16; the second is a Rare Spirit Day I am organizing and hosting at school on 2/28; and my third event is at my schools upcoming personal project exhibition. I also plan to distribute to neighbors who are interested in supporting the day and campaign. I am not receiving funding from my school for this project and purchasing the bulbs on my own would be very costly.

Your donation will have a positive impact in San Antonio and will help me show the citizens of our community living with a rare disease that they are supported and not alone. A donation can be made by donating the light bulbs, providing me with a gift card to spend in your store, or providing me with a discounted price at checkout. I am happy to discuss the amount of light bulbs or credit towards a purchase that you are able to donate.

Sincerely,

Abigail Villarreal  
(210) 649-6390  
[AbigailLeia@yahoo.com](mailto:AbigailLeia@yahoo.com)

PS – I have included a handout explaining how you can get involved with Rare Disease Day.