

Students Raise Money Through Mini-THON



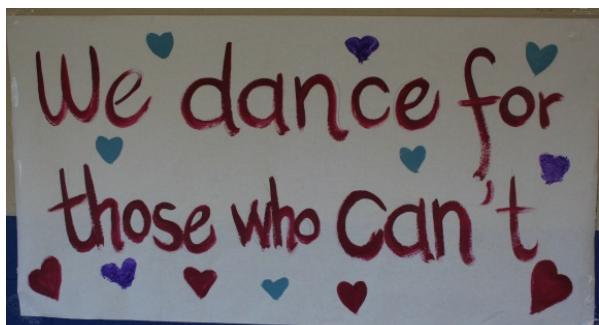
Students at both district high schools came together at Mini-THON for 10 hours recently and raised \$30,568 for The Four Diamonds Fund, a pediatric childhood cancer fund at Hershey Medical Center.

"I was a Four Diamonds kid at Penn State and I try to go back each year," said Monica Henderson, a senior and THON organizer. "I felt this was a good way to give back and support the community."

Mini-THON, held at smaller schools around the state each year, is a smaller version of Penn State University's THON, the world's largest student run philanthropy.

Students gathered in the CASHS auxiliary gym for the Mini-THON event. There was food, music, dancing and games available, but absolutely no sitting. Every hour on the hour, students performed a line dance.

This was the first time in five year that the Mini-THON was held. The 130 students who participated had to raise \$50 to apply to participate. In addition to canning and soliciting pledges, many students got creative about their fund raising. The event was organized and planned as a community service event by five students who participate in the district's International Baccalaureate program.



"I set up a Twitter challenge and told people that for every like I get on my tweet then I will donate 50 cents," Evan Shreffler said. "I ended up getting 200 likes so I donated a hundred dollars."

"Penn State does a lot of important stuff and I've always thought it was really cool to see how much money they raise," Shreffler, a junior and one of the organizers, said. "So that's why we decided to bring it back here."

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