

Published December 9th, 2009 Lafayette Kids Host "Alex's Lemonade Stand"

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Tea Sloane Smith works on the sign for Alex's Lemonade Stand Photo provided

In an effort to join the battle against childhood cancer, young Lafayette residents Sophie and Cole Foster along with Cooper, Devon and Tea Sloane Smith, hosted an Alex's Lemonade Stand on Saturday, November 21st, raising over \$1000.

The local children were inspired to get involved with Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation after hearing about foundation creator Alexandra "Alex" Scott on twitter. After finding out how easy it was to get involved, they decided to hold a lemonade stand of their own. The five children planned a yellow-themed event complete with yellow shirts, hats, banners and balloons, and even chose 'yellow' songs for a DJ dance party to create ambiance for the stand (think "Here Comes the Sun"). In addition to the lemonade stand, the young participants' parents donated a matching set of proceeds to other social-good charities.

Some of the kids helped determine the other beneficiaries. Tea Sloane wished to "make everyone princesses in the whole wide world." She thinks that everyone should have a life that is a bit more pink and glittery, like a princess. Her donation will go to the Make a Wish Foundation. (http://www.wish.org/). Cooper wanted to give to the poor, because he feels that money would be helpful for impoverished people who have none; Kiva will benefit from this donation (http://www.kiva.org/). Devon is very worried about the

people who have swine flu and can't go to school and have to stay home. Donors Choose will be his beneficiary (http://www. donorschoose.org/).

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) emerged from the front yard lemonade stand of cancer patient Alexandra "Alex" Scott (1996-2004). At the age of 4, Alex announced that she wanted to hold a lemonade stand to raise money to help find a cure for all children with cancer. Since Alex held that first stand, the Foundation bearing her name has evolved into a national fundraising movement, complete with thousands of volunteers across the country carrying on her legacy of hope. To date, Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, a registered 501(c)3 charity, has raised more than \$25 million towards fulfilling Alex's dream of finding a cure, funding over 100 research projects nationally. For more information, visit http://www.alexslemonade.org/.



Sophie, Cole, Coop and Devon and Tea Sloane staff their Alex's lemonade stand Photo provided

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