



Cancer Resource Centre

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GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK TO COMMUNITY

HIGHLAND – Girl Scout and Highland resident Sarah Hoffman has pursued the highest achievement in scouting – The Gold Award – while educating and inspiring others along the way. A new Cancer Ribbon Tree stands on the grounds of the Lincoln Center with branches adorned with colorful bows representing the different shades of cancer awareness. Proceeds from the project benefit the Cancer Resource Centre in Munster.

“It’s a flowering dogwood. The ribbon tree is a project that started with an idea that I knew I could use to inspire others,” said Hoffman. “It has taught me that you can never do enough to help your community.”

Besides the Ribbon Tree, her Girl Scout Gold Award project had other components that were designed to reach out and inspire and educate the community in some way.

“A couple of my relatives had passed away from cancer and my friend’s mother is a breast cancer survivor, but everyone’s family is affected by cancer at some point in their lives,” she said. “Awareness colors have helped to bring attention to the different types of cancers: Bladder = Yellow, Brain = Gray, Breast = Pink, Colon = Royal Blue, Prostate = Light Blue, Head & Neck = Red/Burgundy, Kidney/Leukemia = Orange, Gallbladder = Green, Lung = White, Bone = Yellow and Uterine = Peach. The tree has a box in front with a chart and residents/visitors to the park can purchase a ribbon in the color of their choice.”

The Resource Centre is a program of the Community Cancer Research Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of cancer care in northwest Indiana and the south Chicago suburbs. All services of the Cancer Resource Centre – support groups, mind-body-spirit classes, educational offerings and a resource library - are offered free of charge to those in need.

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A tree dedication ceremony and check presentation was held Saturday, June 1 with representatives on hand from both Girl Scout Troop #10171 and the Cancer Resource Centre in Munster.

Hoffman said the \$650. check represents proceeds remaining after purchase of the tree, ribbon box, and brick pathway around the tree (which she paid for with contributions she collected from the community).

Hoffman is hoping to earn her Gold Award after meeting with a Girl Scout Committee for evaluation and completion of the project.

For more information about the programs and services available at the Cancer Resource Centre in Munster, visit cancerresourcecentre.org.