

Bonsall Lions support 9 year old humanitarian

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Taylor Crabtree, a 9 year-old entrepreneur with a heart of gold, wowed Bonsall Lions with her ambitious goals for helping kids with Cancer and the success she has already achieved. Taylor's non-profit company and five other charitable programs were given funds generated by various Lion fundraising projects throughout the year.

As the first speaker for the evening, Taylor related how her and her Mom used to make hair clips to wear in her gymnastics class. Compliments as to how pretty they were fostered the idea to sell them. Taylor sold some and used the money to buy teddy bears to give to sick children fighting cancer. Her hair clips were as popular as were the Teddy Bears she gave away.

Hair clips were sold for \$2.50 each and before long Taylor could not keep up with the orders. She began training other children to

make the hair clips and had "painting parties" in her house. "After a while my mother said she wanted the kitchen table back," said Taylor. She then had "painting parties at her school, church, and at various community centers. Helpers now totaled 500.

She has sold over 12,000 hair clips and has received over \$65,000 in income. Her original goal was to buy 50 teddy bears to give to sick children. She has now purchased over 7,000 teddy bears and gives them to Pediatric Hospitals in cities throughout the United States. Her company is called Taybear. She says there are still many, many children that are sick and would appreciate and benefit from a teddy bear.

The Bonsall Lions Club has a history of carefully investigating and supporting a variety of worthwhile programs and projects. Following Taylor's presentation, representatives from Reins, Fallbrook Boy's & Girls Club, and Camp Wilderness also received financial support from the group. Additionally, the club is disbursing checks to the Lion's

Club International Foundation and the Lions project for Canine Companion for Independence.

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Taylor Crabtree, age 9, raises funds to help kids with cancer