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Taylor Crabtree, 9, is founder of the TayBear Co., which donates teddy bears to youngsters with cancer. She is pictured with a bear, left, that was her grandmother's, and a giant version of the Flo Bear, made by Build-A-Bear.

# Girl plans to give bears to cancer patients

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VISTA — Nine-year-old Taylor Crabtree's speech about her plans for her company, which gives teddy bears to cancer patients, so impressed the crowd at the Young Entrepreneur Organization meeting in San Diego a few months ago that they reached right for their wallets.

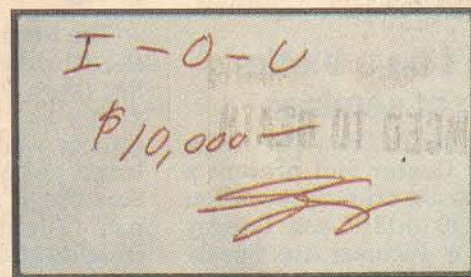
They gave the budding entrepreneur their business cards so she could contact them later for advice and donations.

Taylor gathered the business cards up and wrapped a rubber band around

them so she wouldn't lose them. Hours later, sitting in a restaurant, she began going through the cards. When she got to one, she just happened to turn it over and yelled in excitement. The message on the back of the card read, "I-O-U \$10,000."

"I couldn't believe it, I passed it to my mom and she didn't know what to say," Taylor recalled last week. "What if I had lost the card or threw it away? It was really a cool thing."

YP.Net, one of the Internet's yellow page and directory service providers, donated the money to Taylor in December.



Taylor Crabtree received this business card at a Young Entrepreneur Organization's meeting in which she spoke. After her speech, members of the group donated more than \$3,700 to her nonprofit company, and many left business cards offering help.

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