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# Carol Elliott To Receive the 2024 Bob D. Schiller Memorial Cancer Research and Support Award

Assistant Principal Carol Elliott, and Asbury Elementary School in the Millcreek Township School District, have been selected to receive the **2024 Bob D. Schiller Memorial Cancer Research and Support Award** (sponsored by Lincoln Investment Planning LLC) for their various service projects: ***Pillows for Patients***, ***Alex's Lemonade Stand*** and ***Cut-A-Thon***.

Established in 2007, the Bob D. Schiller Memorial Cancer Research and Support Award is designed to provide monetary assistance to schools that promote programs that support cancer research and survivors of cancer. To be considered for this award, the principal must be a member of the PA Principals Association, and the school must demonstrate that their project engages students in raising funds for cancer research or providing support for cancer survivors.

Asbury Elementary School has teamed up with AHN Saint Vincent's Children's Miracle Network to provide comfort pillows (*Pillows for Patients*) to children entering local hospitals and when visiting physicians' offices and urgent care centers. Fourth-grade students hand-tie and stuff pillows to be given to the youngest patients to provide comfort and support during their hospital stay or visit to the doctor's office.

Asbury Elementary also raised \$1,903 for Alex's Lemonade Stand. As a culminating activity, school ambassadors (select fifth graders) handed out lemonade to students. Cut-A-Thon is a service-learning project where students are encouraged to bring "empathy to action" by showing how they can help others in their school, community. As part of



***Asbury Elementary School's Cut-A-Thon***

Cut-A-Thon (see above photo), 18 students and 12 adults grew out their hair, and when it was cut, they donated over 50 inches to three local organizations: Wigs for Kids, Locks of Love and The Hair We Share.

I am incredibly honored and grateful to accept the Bob D. Schiller Memorial Cancer Research and Support Award on behalf of Asbury Elementary School. This recognition is a testament to the collective efforts of our entire school community. Their creativity, empathy and compassion have made a tangible difference in the lives of those facing challenging times. Our various service projects, such as our *Cut a Thon*, *Pillows for Patients* and *Alex's Lemonade Stand*, highlight the power of working together and the impact we can achieve when our students, staff and community unite for a common cause. Thank you for this prestigious award, and for acknowledging our school's dedication to making a positive impact in the lives of others," said Mrs. Elliott.

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