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SACRED HEART FOURTH GRADERS DECLARE WAR ON CANCER, RAISE MONEY FOR ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND

Conroe, Texas --- April 21, 2015 --- Not only have the Sacred Heart Catholic School fourth graders declared war on cancer, they have raised more than \$2,000 in two days to help fight a battle this year for one of their own. Sacred Heart alumni, Eva Clouse, was diagnosed in January with cancer, and this year's third annual Alex's Lemonade Stand has been dedicated to her and the funds raised will be donated in honor of Eva Clouse to the National Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF).

Sacred Heart began its' Alex's Lemonade Stand tradition three years ago to support the national ALSF after reading *The Lemonade War* book in language arts and researching how they could help empower children and make a difference through fundraising and service projects in the local community. According to Fourth Grade Teacher, Brenda Schafer, it has become a "rite of passage" for the fourth grade students at Sacred Heart to participate in this tradition that has been embraced by the local community and church parish.

"Each year, the students get more excited because they know it's their turn to help and prepare the Lemonade Stand and raise funds to help support childhood cancer research," said Schafer. "They have not only stepped up to honor a fellow student and her family, but have done so with so much pride and true kindness for all children who are fighting this battle."

The national ALSF began when Alexandra "Alex" Scott was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a type of childhood cancer, after her first birthday. When she was four and bravely fighting for her own life, she told her parents she wanted to set up a front-yard lemonade stand and raise money to give to doctors to help them find a cure for all childhood cancer. Her first "Alex's Lemonade Stand" began a tradition that would spread across America and give hope to those fighting for a cure.

As news spread and after Alex passed away in 2005, her parents founded Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) to continue sharing Alex's vision and to help raise money and awareness of childhood cancer causes and primarily research into new treatments and cures. Since Alex set up her first lemonade stand in 2000, the ALSF foundation and children across America have raised more than \$100 million to help fund more than 475 cutting-edge research projects, create a travel program to help support families of children receiving treatment and develop resources to help people everywhere affected by childhood cancer. For more information, please visit www.alexslimonade.org.

"We could not be more proud of our students and their determination to help make a difference," added Principal Deb Brown. "Unfortunately, too many families are affected by cancer each year and we are honored to be part of such a truly unique organization that thrives from empowering children supporting each other while making a real impact on cancer research and the programs made available through Alex's Lemonade Stand."

Founded in 1958, Sacred Heart Catholic School is an Accredited School in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and is dedicated to educating the heart, mind and spirit. Serving Montgomery County, Sacred Heart is also accredited by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Southern Association of Colleges and School Council promoting academic excellence and fostering life-long learning while providing a loving and supportive environment for Pre-K through eighth grade.

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