

MEGAN SWIFT



Only thirteen, Megan Swift has received several youth awards: the Osgoode Volunteer Youth Award in 2009, the Spirit of the Capital Youth Award for Entrepreneurship (Runner Up), and the Youth Social Entrepreneurship award at the Corporate and Community Social Responsibility Conference in 2010.

Since October 2008, she has raised nearly ten thousand dollars through her handmade Good Luck Spiders, earrings, angels, and raffle tickets mostly at the Metcalfe Farmers Market. All proceeds from the sales go to the Women's Breast Health Centre in Ottawa for breast cancer treatment, education, equipment and research.

Her dream is to find a cure for breast cancer, of which her paternal grandmother is a survivor.

The Good Luck Spiders are \$5 each with \$4 going to the Breast Cancer Health Centre and \$1 for the supplies, the earrings \$6 each with \$4 to the centre and \$2 for supplies, the angels are \$3 each with \$2 for breast cancer and \$1 for supplies, while all the money collected from the raffle tickets is going to the centre as all the prizes are donated.

It takes at least 15 - 30 minutes to make a Good Luck spider.

Megan's enthusiasm to help others has rubbed on to Kait Moore in the summer of 2010. In December 2010 Megan, Kait and their friends held a huge workshop at Castor Valley Elementary School in which they helped the Grade 7 and 8 students make 146 Good Luck Spiders in one day. About one-third of those spiders were purchased by the kids with the others given back to the girls who sold them to raise money for the breast cancer cause.

Several of Megan's friends helped in making Good Luck Spiders to earn their volunteer hours for High School.

Megan and Kait are now taking orders from people for their goods and have shipped items within Canada so far.