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### Mount Mercy Academy Raises Funds for the Make LEMONAIDE Foundation

Last week Mount Mercy Academy, under the leadership of senior Julia Khoury with assistance from sophomore Olivia Larson and Campus Minister Mary Colby, had a fund raising drive for Make LEMONAIDE Foundation. The foundation supports research, care and treatment of those with Cerebral Palsy.

Before the week began, Mount Mercy Academy was honored to have Lauren Wallier, founder of the Make LEMONAIDE Foundation speak to the student body. After much hard work and effort by Khoury, Lauren was invited to speak in order to kick off Mount Mercy's week of fundraising for the foundation. The foundation raises funds to further research, care and treatment for those affected by Cerebral Palsy. Lauren's inspiring message reminded us of how we are all alike on the inside and should wear glasses that allow us to see the beauty in everyone.

The fundraising efforts included selling paper lemons for \$1, a large bake sale, a basket raffle and a dress down day. The efforts netted almost 1400 dollars. Special thank you goes to the Make LEMONAIDE Foundation and Imagine Salon and Spa for the basket donations.

Mount Mercy Principal Margaret Staszak was proud of her students. "Once again, Mount Mercy Students have demonstrated their altruism and commitment to helping others. Not only have they been extremely generous in donating to the LEMONAIDE Project, a foundation dedicated to providing therapies and support to persons with cerebral palsy, but they have embraced and empathized with their friend and classmate whose family is directly affected by CP. I am proud of our students and the wonderful outcome of this student driven project," Staszak remarked.



Picture Identification: Mount Mercy Principal Margaret Staszak, Mrs. Sherry Walier (Lauren's mom), Mount Mercy President Margaret Cronin, Olivia Larson, Lauren Walier (founder of Make LemonAide Foundation for CP), Julia Khoury, Mount Mercy Campus Minister Mary Colby, and Carol Walier (Lauren's aunt).

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