ConKerr Cancer – A Case for Smiles

In 2002, Ryan Kerr was diagnosed with a rare childhood cancer. Cindy Kerr, his mother, began making pillowcases to brighten up his hospital room. He loved it, and she began making pillowcases for other children who were on the oncology unit.

In 2008, Ryan lost his battle with cancer, but the pillowcase project has grown. Thousands of volunteers have joined with Cindy in providing over 240,000 pillowcases for children with life threatening illnesses in hospitals across North America.

In two years, my students, their families and friends, and several Frost staff members sewed just over 300 pillowcases. This year, I’m opening up the challenge to the entire Frost community, and I’m hoping to exceed that number.

I’m looking for people who know how to use a sewing machine and are willing to teach their son or daughter how to make a pillowcase. I’m looking for parents, relatives, and friends who are willing to sew. I’m looking for all the help I can get to exceed last year’s donation.

Read more about this amazing organization at: www.conkerrcancer.org. There are directions for sewing, preparing, and donating a pillowcase. I will be collecting the cases until April 1.

If you would like fabric for your first pillowcase, write me a note with your name and e-mail address. Have your child bring it to my room. I have fabric for the first 50 requests, thanks to Frost’s financial support of this project. After that, I’m hoping for your generous donations of fabric and sewing time.

Thank you for your help and support. The more pillowcases - - - the more smiles.

Feel free to e-mail me if you have additional questions.

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