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Education

Gingerbread Project raises \$3,000 for MVDSA

On Sunday, Dec. 13, a group of Oakwood Junior and Senior High students presented a \$3,000 check to the Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association at its annual Christmas Party. This year, a 10th grade team, an 8th grade team and a sibling team were part of "The Gingerbread Project", headed up by Anne Ross. The money was raised by selling raffle tickets for gingerbread houses donated by many families and Ashley's Pastry Shop, and by soliciting sponsors for the project. An Open House was held where these gingerbread houses could be viewed.

The students also displayed gingerbread structures they built to enter in a national competition held at the Grovepark Inn in Asheville, North Carolina. For the competition, they built a house inspired by the Lovett home on Rubicon

Road in Oakwood, a scene from Venice and a scene from the movie "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", which included the Abominable Snowmonster (a.k.a. "Bumble") and Yukon Cornelius. This is the third year they have chosen MVDSA as their charity and have raised a grand total of \$7,000.

All three entries placed in the top ten in their division of the competition. Thanks to all the generous sponsors: Angi Barth (State Farm Insurance), Doug Sherer (Union Savings Bank), Gwin's Steam Cleaning, Team Kooz, Library of Design, M&M Title, Cambria Fabric and Design, the Goeller family, Oakwood Renovations, the Vukovic family and all those who donated houses. It was an event enjoyed by the whole community and a great kick off to the holiday season!



Sibling Team: Ellie and Carrie Bartlett

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