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Harwich Middle Schoolers Raise \$407 to support Red Cross Japan Relief Efforts

June 19th, 2011, Hyannis, MA – Two sixth graders at Harwich Middle School organized two fundraisers and raised \$407 to support the Red Cross Japan Relief Efforts. Madeline Kavanagh and Erin Smeltzer of Harwich held a bake sale at Stop and Shop in East Harwich on the first Saturday in April, followed by **Hat Day** at their school early May. Hats are not allowed to be worn during the school day. But Hat Day allowed kids to wear any hat they chose in exchange for a small donation for Japan Relief.

Madeline's Mom Julie said: "We are grateful to Stop & Shop that they allowed the kids to organize this bake sale and to the school for allowing Hat Day. I am sure they will continue to raise funds for those in need. It was especially fulfilling for them when they were able to explain to people what they were trying to achieve."



Left to right: Erin Smeltzer, Karley Marchese, Madeline Kavanagh, Eliza Hawthorne, Mary Kavanagh (not in picture Colleen Cronin)

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Note that the American Red Cross honors donor intent and the funds do not stay with the local chapter, but are forwarded to the American Red Cross to support the Japan Relief Efforts.

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