



East Valley Institute of Technology Students RAISE FUNDS FOR AUTISM



AUTISM SPEAKS™
It's time to listen.

'Tis the season for giving, and students enrolled in health classes at the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) set a national record for giving this season. They collected over \$2,000.00 in contributions for autism research. Students enrolled in Allied Health, Medical Assistant, Health Occupations, Nursing Assistant and Massage Therapy also belong to the national organization, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). Through HOSA students support the efforts of the nonprofit organization, "Autism Speaks."

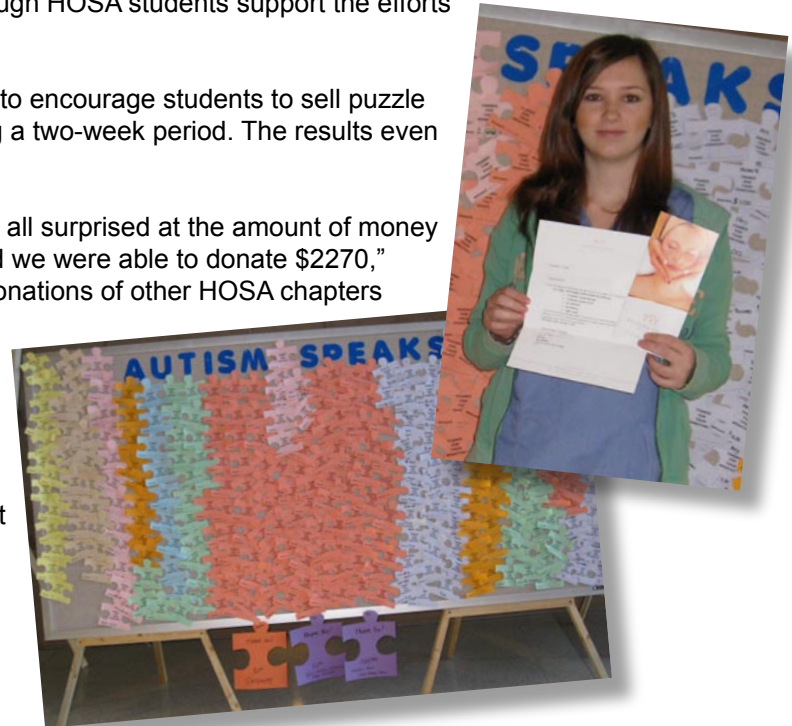
The students created a competition among the classes to encourage students to sell puzzle pieces for a tax-deductible donation of one dollar during a two-week period. The results even surprised the teachers.

"The students really embraced this fundraiser. We were all surprised at the amount of money that was raised. Our goal was to raise \$500 and instead we were able to donate \$2270," said instructor Sharon Black. "While checking out the donations of other HOSA chapters nationally, we've raised more than any other chapter."

Becky Adams, junior from Dobson High School raised \$741.00 by herself.

"I collected from friends, family and neighbors," Adams said. "I felt that this was a very important cause and that everyone in the health field should take it seriously."

Every donation made to Autism Speaks funds autism research, raises awareness, promotes advocacy and provides family services.



Indiana HOSA Fall Leadership Conference with the Indiana Pacers

On November 14, 2008, over 200 members of Indiana HOSA attended the annual Fall Leadership Conference with the Indiana Pacers at Conseco Field House in Indianapolis. During the conference, the members enjoyed teamwork and leadership activities led by Ted Weise. For lunch, they munched on hot dogs, chips, vegetables, and soda provided by the Conseco Field House. Following lunch, the students and advisors had a chance to meet with the members of the Pacers medical staff, including the Head Athletic Trainer and Strength/Conditioning Coach. The Pacers medical staff discussed the different roles that are needed in maintaining the health and wellness of the basketball players. The Pacers tipped off to the Philadelphia 76ers that evening. At halftime, the Indiana HOSA officers were introduced on center court. The announcer shared HOSA's mission with the audience. Overall, the 2008 Fall Leadership Conference was a success. The students learned more about HOSA and its sponsors. This conference was a great way to celebrate Indiana HOSA!