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Mariemont City Schools

Terrace Park Students Use Heads and Hearts to Benefit Haiti

The 4th graders at Terrace Park Elementary are learning the concept of entrepreneurship and so much more. From brainstorming to final product, they developed valentine businesses, creating and selling products including necklaces, flower pots, candy items and bookmarks to fellow students at their annual HeartMart.

As these are not-for-profit enterprises, the students elected to donate the proceeds from their efforts to benefit a special women's trade school in Haiti.

A portion of the students' \$600 profit will be used to purchase sewing notions and materials for women in Terre Blanche, Haiti who attend a school where they attain certification in sewing, cooking and other home management skills. The women are required to have this training in order to work in these fields in Haiti. The remainder of the money will be used to purchase beans and rice, the major food supplies for the Haitians.

"The students are excited to know exactly how their efforts will benefit the Haitians. Their generosity will make a difference in these women's lives," said Judy Schmitz, a Mariemont Schools administrator, who is delivering the donated items to the Terre Blanche school.



Photos:

TP4HeartHaiti – Terrace Park Elementary 4th graders learn about the trade school in Haiti that will benefit from their HeartMart earnings.



TP4Heart2Girls – Terrace Park Elementary 4th grade students Lisa Schmithorst and Hope Gerred sell their Flower Pops to benefit Haiti.

TP4Heart3Girls – Second graders Sarah Werdmann, Lendsey Stinnett and Kate Hagin proudly display their valentine purchases at the Terrace Park Elementary 4th Grade Heart Mart.

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