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“Change For Change” Collection Receives Strong Support

At the School No. 7 assembly held to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, it was announced that a student’s drive to collect money for charity, “*Change For Change*”, would receive a great boost from a community partner. Representatives of North Jersey Federal Credit Union (NJFCU) presented a check for \$1,000.00 to Camila Izaguirre, a 5th grade student who started a donation drive to collect money for the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund, a charity that supports families with children battling childhood cancer. Miss Izaguirre started the collection a month ago and is a childhood cancer patient herself, having been diagnosed with the disease at 1 ½ years old.

In September, during the school’s assembly in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Miss Izaguirre announced the beginning of her charity collection after being surprised by family and friends. One particular friend, former New York Giants guard Chris Snee, was happy to give her support.

The on-going charity collection has so far collected \$1,700.00 in individual donations, with today’s donation bringing the total to \$2,700.00.

On hand for the check presentation were NJFCU representatives President and Chief Executive Officer Richard Garcia, Marketing Coordinator Aliyah Copper, and Chief Community Development Officer Britnee Timberlake. Program Director Sue Garbe was there to represent the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund. From the school district were Superintendent of Schools Laurie Newell and Assistant Superintendent Cicily Warren. School No. 7 Principal Pamela Powell introduced the dignitaries before calling Camila Izaguirre from her seat for the surprise donation.

Superintendent Newell said, “Camila is an incredible person. She has shown so much strength, determination, and maturity for someone of her age. My hopes are that this donation from North Jersey Federal Credit Union will inspire more people to give to the collection.”

NJFCU President and CEO Richard Garcia said, “We’ve been partners with the Paterson Public Schools system for many years. We wanted to help contribute to Camila’s very import cause.”

Photo 01: District officials with representatives from partner organizations pose with Camila Izaguirre and her mother as they receive a check for \$1,000.00 for Camila’s charity collection, “*Change For Change*”, for the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund Foundation.

(L-R) Assistant Superintendent Cicily Warren, Superintendent of Schools Laurie Newell, 5th grade student Camila Izaguirre, Tom Coughlin Jay Fund Program Director Sue Garbe, Evelyn Izaguirre, School No. 7 Principal Pamela Powell, and NJFCU President and CEO Richard Garcia.

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