

Teens raise vital funds for struggling special school

Year 8 students identified a local need in St Rose's School, and ran a fundraising campaign to help support the school's work.

Students at Stroud High School in Gloucestershire decided to use their Giving Nation projects to support St Rose's School, a local special school which provides education, therapy and residential respite care for children and young people with a range of physical disabilities.

Having contacted the school students were upset to find out that they were struggling to stay open due to a lack of funding and set about raising as much money as possible to support them.

Fundraising activities

The students channelled their energy into a wide variety of different fundraising initiatives, including designing and making 200 pairs of earrings, setting up a stall in their school to sell them to students and staff. By offering gift-wrapping services they raised almost £350 from this venture.

One brave student collected sponsorship to shave her head, while others liaised with their head teacher to lead school assemblies to raise awareness of the plight of St Rose's.

Other activities involved bag-packing for donations at a local supermarket; organising a Christmas Fair; and selling roses on Valentine's Day.



'We have learned a better awareness of smaller, more important issues and our teamwork skills have been developed, working together when organising events. We have better listening and speaking skills through hearing what our classmates have to say about our various fundraising opportunities.'

Student, Year 8



The impact

This group of students have raised over £2000 for St Rose's School.

They plan to continue fundraising for the school in future years.