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One Child Can Make A Difference To Help Others

By Dupé Aleru

'Tis the season to be giving—seventh grade student Jack Ginsberg from Paul Revere Middle School in Brentwood has embraced the true spirit of the season by raising money for young children in need.

Launching a coin-jar-fundraising campaign, Ginsberg collected coins, classroom by classroom and hand delivered a check along with friends, for \$3,500 to Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services.

Many kids his age are making their holiday lists of gifts they'd like to receive, but not seventh-grader Ginsberg, who has touched the lives of many children this holiday season by giving back.

What was the inspiration?

A summer visit at Vista Del Mar accompanied by his mother and sister—he initially visited Vista to explore volunteer opportunities.

While touring Vista Del

Mar not only struggling to overcome mental, emotional, and developmental challenges, but many have endured unimaginable trauma, led him to try to make a positive difference in the lives of Vista Del Mar children.

As Vista Del Mar's President/CEO Elias Lefferman, Ph.D., noted: "For the youngsters that we serve, the holidays can be an especially difficult time."

The money that Jack has raised not only will buy much-athletic

equipment but, more importantly, it communicates to these kids that someone—someone their own age—truly cares about them."

Mar Child and Family Services, Ginsberg's attention was drawn to a group of students his age who were laughing and smiling as they kicked a ball around an athletic field.

Learning that the children

Acting, Dancing And Singing For Families At Temple Emanuel

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Working for months on their acting, dancing and singing, the students at Temple Emanuel were proud to see that their hard work paid off.

Directed by Nili Kosmal, students at Temple Academy Day School performed the play *Animal Garden*.

The project was a collaborative effort as parents came together to help design the scenery and costumes. Parents were also in charge of make-up and music.

Animal Garden was followed up by an amazing latke party that supplied diverse dishes of ethnic food as well as entertainment from a DJ, face-painting and games.

For information about Temple Emanuel Academy Day School, contact Admissions Director Tanya Stawski at 310-288-3737 ext. 246 or tanya@tebh.org.



Zoe Wernik and Adina Aaron



Adina Aaron with cast members



The garden had many animals



VISTA DEL MAR—Pictured from left: Paul Revere student Jack Ginsberg (third in front row) holding the check, Vista Del Mar CEO Elias Lefferman (on right) and fellow members of Paul Revere Middle School student council.