



City of Cambridge

R-30.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 15, 2001

VICE MAYOR MAHER
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COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
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COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Kevin Melin, a second grader at the Peabody School, participated in a youthful fund raising campaign to raise money for the New York firefighters and the American Red Cross relief aid to victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack; and

WHEREAS: The children, with the help of their families, operated a "Lemon Aid" stand, where they sold drinks and cupcakes, as well as patriotic pins and bracelets they had made; and

WHEREAS: The children raised a grand total of \$276.06, and all of these proceeds were donated to the relief efforts; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating Kevin Melin, and all the children participating in "Lemon Aid" for their concern and hard work on behalf of the victims of the tragedy of September 11, 2001; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Kevin Melin on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council October 15, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Chronicle, Sept. 26 '01

Committee member -
to an order on Kevin
Melin. 2nd grader
at Peabody school.

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Little heroes offer lemon-Aid

This past Saturday, six local children led a youthful crusade to raise money for the relief of the American Red Cross and the New York City firefighters. On one side of Massachusetts Avenue in North Cambridge, these children, with the help of their families, operated a "Lemon-Aid" stand, where they sold drinks and cupcakes, as well as patriotic pins and bracelets they had made. One-hundred percent of the proceeds were donated to the organizations mentioned above.

I was taken with the children's strong sense of patriotism, but even more so by their deep compassion for the victims of the World Trade Center attack and the firefighters who gave their lives in the rescue effort. One leader of the fund-raiser, Derek O'Rourke of the Tobin School, age 10, said, "We want to people to put out a little effort to help the cause."

The idea for the fund-raiser arose from Cambridge Public Elementary Schools, where classes are discussing ways to be of service in the relief effort. The students hope to inspire a sense of community responsibility among locals. O'Rourke's mother, Susan, who assisted with the orchestration of the Lemon-Aid stand, told me that she "didn't want the children to feel

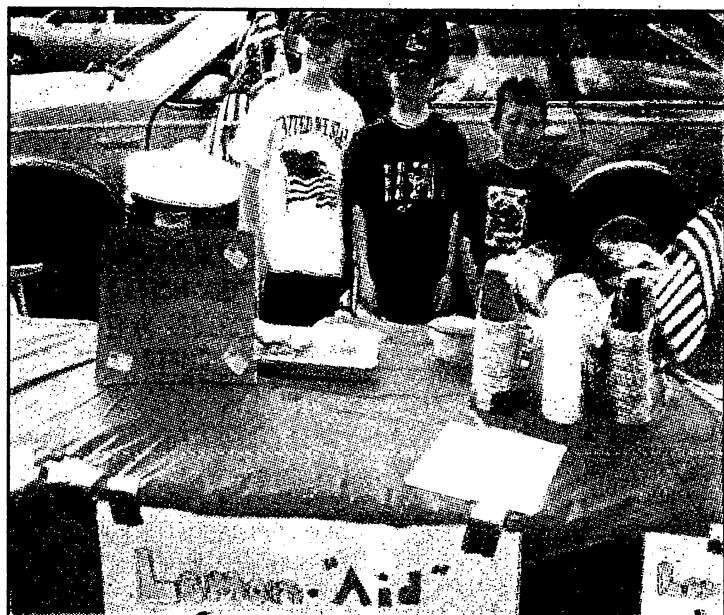
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powerless" in this grave situation of national concern. She wanted to help the children focus their nervous energy toward something positive, and to enable them to help in the effort, rather than to merely sit back and watch it happen. Several young friends turned out to help — they were Kevin Melin and Terrence Gore-Tate, both of Cambridge, Elizabeth Olson and Anna Olson of Malden, and Tim Hardy of Arlington.

The attempt to raise money was successful beyond anyone's expectations. The children raised a grand total of \$276.09.

As a whole, the project was enormously successful. I say this because, even passersby who did not stop to buy lemonade and make a donation could not deny the sentiment of love and patriotism aroused by seeing these little heroes at work. I also witnessed several people overpay the youths — paying far more than the market rate for lemonade to support the good cause. Most people want to help, but only need a medium where they can do so.

The moral of my story is: There are innumerable good people in the world, and many who want to help



COURTESY PHOTO

'Lemon-Aid' workers, from left, Derek O'Rourke, Tim Hardy and Kevin Melin, set up shop along Mass. Ave. last weekend to raise money for the Red Cross and New York firefighters.

right now. But not enough of them are focusing on helping, only stopping to donate when called upon to do so. The children are helping most by creating a place on the side of the road where one can give and be a part of the community service. The children are also validating the adults who want to contribute money by giving them a token of

patriotism in return, and by personalizing the whole experience. Rather than dropping a few coins into a faceless donation can, people feel good about giving to children — six little middlemen (and women) who care and want to help.

Alannah Sharry, a columnist and aspiring writer, is a senior at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School.

Helping today's girls, tomorrow's leaders

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Resolution #30

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operation of "Lemon Aid" which
raised money for relief aid to
victims of the September 11, 2001
terrorist attack.

**Vice Mayor Maher and entire
membership**

In City Council October 15, 2001

ORDER ADOPTED