

# NEWS

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## Students help sick, disabled children

■ St. Patrick's bake sales raise more than \$1,700

TPR Staff

Students at St. Patrick's School raised more than \$1,700 to help purchase specialized equipment for children through Jack's Helping Hand Inc.

Students participated in schoolwide bake sales to purchase a weight holder, Am/Tryke toddler tricycle and a bilingual paint and number rug to be used at the Jack Ready Medical Therapy Room by children suffering from illnesses and disabilities.

The school began the fundraiser in 2006 with a bake sale and in-class collections. From the proceeds of the first year's event, Jack's Helping Hand was able to purchase cushioned climbing blocks and mats for recreational play.

Following the success of the original event, the school initiated a second fundraiser to contribute more to the organization.

Jack's Helping Hand, a non-profit charitable organization, was created in honor of Paul and Bridget Ready's youngest son Jack, who died in 2004 at age 3 from a rare form of brain cancer.

Jack's Helping Hand assists children with illnesses and disabilities by providing special treatments, services, equipment and transportation that are not provided by other sources or exceed family financial capabilities.

For more information on Jack's Helping Hand, contact Mary Illingworth, charitable administrator, at 547-1914 or visit [www.jackshelpinghand.org](http://www.jackshelpinghand.org).