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Cario Scholar's "Heart" Leads to Honor From YESCarolina

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Mount Pleasant, SC – Thomas C. Cario Middle School 8th grader Olivia Crosby is a living example of paying it forward, and being rewarded for having a generous spirit and attitude.

Crosby was a patient at the Medical University of South Carolina's (MUSC) Children's Hospital a few years ago. She was thankful for the service and treatment she received there, so she wanted to give back to the hospital and enhance patients' lives in the process.

During her entrepreneurship class at Cario last year, Crosby developed a business plan to raise money for the hospital. She started the business "Next Steps," in which she created stress balls to ease juvenile patients' anxiety while they were in the hospital to be treated. Crosby ended up raising \$600.00 through her business; she donated \$500 to MUSC and \$100 to Cario's Business Club.

Olivia Crosby has been accepted as this year's winner of YESCarolina's Ronald L. Motley Big Heart Award. Crosby, her parents, and her former entrepreneurship teacher, Donna Lange, are all set to attend the annual YESCarolina Gala on October 19, 2017 at the Gaillard Center in downtown Charleston. She will receive her honor and a \$1,000 prize. In addition to being recognized at the gala, YESCarolina will produce a biography video of Crosby and her business model.

"Raising this money was a way to give to the kids who were in MUSC and should be outside playing and having fun," Crosby explained.

Crosby noticed the games and art supplies in the Atrium at MUSC's Children's Hospital, and her hope is that the money from the prize can go toward enhancing the supplies at hand to give young patients more options to pass time.

"Olivia's initiative is representative of Cario's motto of challenging resourceful, positive, service-oriented leadership," added Principal Sharon Randall. "She identified a need and found a way to make others' lives better. We celebrate her example!"

Congratulations to Olivia for her wonderful idea and hard work.

For more information about Crosby's honor, contact YESCarolina's Executive Director, Austin Stone, at (843) 805-4901. If you would like to know more about Crosby's impact at school, contact Principal Randall at (843) 856-4595.

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