



The Colette A. Miles Foundation—TCAMF (www.tcamf.org) is a not-for profit foundation that will help provide support to people and their families diagnosed with cancer as Colette's family, friends, and community did for her. The foundation hopes to ease some of the fear of the unknown and provide some comfort during their battle. All of this will be done in Colette's memory and honor.

We have teamed with the Cadence Cancer Center at Delnor and The Living Well Cancer Resource Center to fulfill some needs for patients and their families. We just recently bought 24 new Ipads for patients to use during treatment.

We want to teach our children how to be compassionate towards others that are dealing with this horrible battle and help students that may need support as a family member fights cancer. Most people know someone with cancer. There is also a curriculum from Scholastic that teachers could utilize in the classroom.

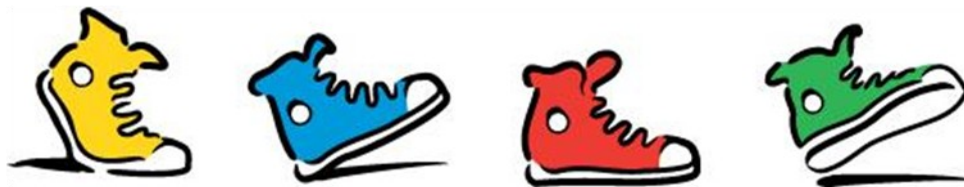
How Ferson Kids Can Be Hands-On: Help promote and organize a drive to collect donated items needed at the centers—for example, bottled water, craft supplies for children, bottled juice for children's program, copy paper, etc. Host a walk around the school with families. Organize a school faculty sporting event to raise awareness, AND families can volunteer on-sight at The Living Well Resource Center. Student Advisory Board Members can also sell TCAMF bracelets to show the unity our school has in supporting this service learning opportunity.

By choosing to become a “Colette Kid” students will learn how to act compassionately towards others dealing with this disease in a fun and positive environment. Thanks for considering!





 **RON SANTO WALK TO CURE DIABETES**



Type 1 Diabetes Stinks and at Ferson Creek we have students, siblings of students and even faculty (who once were kids) who have the disease for which there is no cure yet!

Kids with T1 diabetes must take insulin in order to stay alive from an insulin pump or multiple injections daily and test their blood sugar by pricking their fingers for blood six or more times a day. They must also carefully balance their insulin, food intake and exercise to regulate their blood sugar levels, in an attempt to avoid hypoglycemic (low blood sugar) and hyperglycemic (high blood sugar) reactions, which can be life threatening.

The JDRF (www.jdrf.org) is the leading global organization funding Type 1 diabetes (T1D) research and a mission to better treat, prevent, and eventually cure T1D. The JDRF also provides support groups and education to families with young children (yes, entire families are impacted by T1 diabetes management), teens and adults. Without the work of the JDRF, we would not have advancements in treating the disease today.

If chosen, the JDRF and Ferson Creek would work together this school year to create student service learning in at least three ways: 1) A Kids Walk to Cure Diabetes to raise money for the JDRF (80+% of every dollar goes directly to the organization) 2) Pack and provide emergency glucose paks for schools or disaster/emergency locations locally or around the state that need them (not all schools have school nurses) and 3) Incorporate healthy habits, learning and choices into the Health curriculum while providing an overview of the disease (both T1 and T2 diabetes).

In 2012 Forbes magazine named JDRF one of its five All-Star charities, citing the organization's efficiency and effectiveness. Thank you for your support.



Lazarus House – Working Together to Offer Hope and a Future

Lazarus House (www.lazarushouseonline.com) is an Emergency Shelter and Center for “transitional living” based in St. Charles. They provide hospitality, food, safe shelter, and support services to men, women and children who are homeless or in need within the Tri-City area. Lazarus House is so much more than a shelter. Lazarus House is where people receive a hand up, not a hand out.

By partnering with other agencies, a large and wonderful network of volunteers, Federal, State and community resources, and our donors, Lazarus House can provide the services needed by each person and family that ultimately help people return to independent living.

Lazarus House does depend heavily on volunteers, and Ferson Creek can help! If selected as Ferson Creek’s Service Learning Project we could support Lazarus House in multiple ways:

- Food and supply drives for items such as soup, paper towels, bottled water, laundry detergent, etc.
- FUNdraiser, raise money to purchase winter clothing items or sponsor fun events for resident kids
- Organize small groups of Ferson families to provide a meal for residents
- Utilize Ferson kids’ excellent artistic abilities to craft placemats and decorations for Holiday events

This is our Service LEARNING project. In addition to an awareness created by supporting projects, we want Ferson kids to learn about our community’s needs through age appropriate books in the classrooms.

The Bucket-Fillers of Ferson Creek can again make a difference – in the lives of people they choose to help and in return, their own. Thank you for your consideration!