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### Badin donation will save Chinese child's life



Charitable gifts typically support a good cause, but one just donated by Badin High School's Student Council will immediately help to save a life.

BHS Student Council has voted to donate \$1,500 to Love Without Boundaries, a sum that will enable a two-year-old Chinese orphan girl, Caroline, to have life-saving heart surgery.

"It feels good knowing that you're going to help someone who really, really needs it," said Erin Fontaine, a Student Council member who serves as secretary of the junior class. "It's going to change her life."

Mrs. Michelle Healey is a Badin parent and a member of a local giving group known as Lily's Lot that each quarter looks for a cause to fund. Her group was aware of the Love Without Boundaries organization, which provides critical medical care, foster care, education and other needs to orphans in China.

Healey's daughter, Sarah, is a junior at Badin, and Mrs. Healey was hoping the cause was something Badin might embrace.

"We feel truly blessed to be associated with such a wonderful school with such loving, giving students," Mrs. Healey said. Several of the members of Lily's Lot are Badin parents. "Lily's Lot wants to make it perfectly clear that Badin's Student Council is making it possible to save this child's life."

Mrs. Kay Collins, chair of the Science Department at Badin and a co-moderator of Student Council, was pleased with the students' decision. She noted that Student Council voted to make the donation out of its own funds.

"We had done a number of fundraisers at Badin lately, and the council members weren't sure we could do another one," Collins said. "But the idea was something that they really wanted to support. So they voted to donate Student Council dollars.

"When you think about saving a young child's life, that's quite a donation," she added. "They wanted to say yes."

Badin Student Council will present a check for \$1,500 for Love Without Boundaries to Lily's Lot representatives at Badin on Monday, Feb. 1, just before the school's Catholic Schools Week Mass, which is scheduled for 10 a.m.

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