

HILLSDALE

Eight-year-old's generosity benefits D'Alessandro cause

Christina Hughes of Ho-Ho-Kus did not want presents for her 8th birthday party. Instead, she asked her friends to make donations to the Joan Angela D'Alessandro Memorial Foundation. She surprised Rosemarie D'Alessandro with \$585 in donations during a Pampered Chef Fund-raiser party D'Alessandro was holding at her house on Jan. 27. More donations continue to come in from those who attended Christina's birthday party, all because of the 8-year-old's efforts and inspiring generosity.

The foundation is set up in memory of Joan Angela D'Alessandro, the 7-year-old who went to deliver Girl Scout cookies

to a neighbor and never came back. The goals of the foundation, which is nonprofit, are to promote child safety and protection, advance victims' rights and help abused, homeless and neglected youth. Joan's legacy lives on through the foundation.

The next fund-raiser the foundation is planning will be an evening of fun at The Sports Place, 600 Bradley Parkway, Blauvelt, N.Y. (2 miles south of the Palisades Mall) on Saturday, March 12 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. There will be Glo-Putt mini golf, basketball, soccer and arcade games. Children will have an opportunity to win prizes and there will be raffles. Also this year

there will be a short children's safety presentation. Tickets are \$20 per child and \$50 for a family with three children or more. Par-

ents are free.

For more information check the foundation website at www.joansjoy.org or contact

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Eight-year-old Christina Hughes asked for donations to the Joan Angela D'Alessandro Memorial Foundation instead of birthday presents this year. Here, she is pictured with Rosemarie D'Alessandro, Joan's mom.