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Student raises \$1,200 for cancer patients

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Sixth-grader Sebastian Perez-Lopez takes a donation during a bake sale in which he raised \$1,200 to help local cancer patients with transportation, medication and other needs. (Photo: Provided photo)

SALINAS, CA – That’s a lot of baked goodies. A Salinas-area sixth grader has raised \$1,200 to help impoverished cancer patients through the Natividad Medical Foundation.

Sebastian Perez-Lopez, 11, raised the money by holding a bake sale. The effort began as a class assignment and morphed into a fundraising drive focused on helping the community.

Sebastian is the son of Dr. Minerva Perez, a physician at Natividad Medical Center. The proceeds go toward the Wendy Baker RN Memorial Fund which assists women cancer patients at Natividad with transportation, medicine and other basic needs.

Baker was an RN at Natividad and the mother of a fellow student at Monte Vista Christian School, where Sebastian is a student. Baker died in August from breast cancer.

The fund is operated by Natividad Medical Foundation.