

Kroger helps local foundation fly

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ERLANGER - A group of local Krogers are proving that they provide more than just groceries to the community.

Representatives from 16 area Krogers, including 13 in Northern Kentucky, gathered Jan. 14 to present a \$5,000 check to the I Have Wings Breast Cancer Foundation. The money, raised during their Pink Tag sales in October, was given to Janet Chambers, the founder of I Have Wings and a cancer survivor.

Chambers, who started I Have Wings in 2002, works tirelessly throughout the year to raise money for breast cancer research. She also serves as a mentor to other women battling the disease.

"I was just so excited when they told me they were going to donate money," said Chambers.

Jason Fowee, an advertising assistant with the Kroger corporation, said they were amazed at Chambers' passion, making her a logical choice to receive a donation.

Kroger also made donations to other organizations, such as the American Cancer Society and the Kettering Medical Center, using the money from their Pink Tag sales. Each October, Fowee said Kroger partners with a number of vendors to produce specialty items with pink labels, with a portion of each sale going toward the donation fund.

"We were really impressed with Janet, and we saw how hard she works to help out other women," said Fowee. "She's been through what they're going through, and we know how much of a difference she's making. We're just glad we could contribute."

Jerry Lux, the store manager of the Silverlake Kroger, said the Pink Tag campaign is a way for everyone in the community to help out.

"Cancer touches everyone in some way, and our staff and our customers like knowing that they can help out in this way," said Lux. "It's amazing to see everyone pitching in for a cause like this, and we're very pleased to do our part."

Chambers said the money will be put to good use as she continues to reach out to as many women as possible.

"Sometimes God blesses us in unexpected ways," said Chambers. "I think this is one of those cases, and I'm just so grateful."