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Community Fundraising by Students at East St. Margaret's School

East St. Margaret's School in Indian Harbour has always been known for its community spirit, so it is not surprising that it is a WE School. The WE Schools program helps students think about issues like hunger, poverty and access to education at the local and global level. They are encouraged to find ways they can have a positive impact in their own community.

Alyssa Morash, Brooklyn Lefort, and Riley Morash, who are members of the WE Club in their Grade 5-6 class, decided they wanted to raise money for a local community organization. After brainstorming with their principal, Mrs. Susan Casey, they chose BayRides. When asked why they picked BayRides, they said, "We see the BayRides vans going by our school every day and we all know people who don't have a car or who can't drive."

The students and their parents put together a huge gift basket of toys and other items for kids and made the tickets for a raffle. The money raised will be going to BayRides for travel vouchers for people in the school community who are unable to drive or who need help with transportation. Tickets cost 50 cents and were on sale at the school for two weeks. The draw took place amid great excitement at 11:30 in the school gym on April 18th. The lucky winner was Grade 4 student Jordyn Ryer-Payne. Exceeding all their expectations, the students at East St. Margaret's School raised \$371.

The students presented the cheque to representatives of BayRides during the "Sensational Citizens" Leadership Assembly on Tuesday, April 30th. BayRides' President Peter Delefes thanked the school and congratulated the students for their extraordinary fundraising efforts and their wonderful community spirit.

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PHOTO CAPTION: BayRides President Peter Delefos and Director Sally Ross being presented with cheque for \$371 raised by East St. Margaret's School students (from left to right) Riley Morash, Brooklyn Lefort and Alyssa Morash. (Photo by Mrs. Susan Casey, Principal)