



Lillie Grace Langston presents a check for \$1,000 to Wayne Herrington, Director of Anderson Regional Cancer Center. Looking on are, from left, Ginny Ruffin, Patient Navigator; Evinn Watson, Erika Watson and Erien Watson.

Lillie Grace Langston, a third grader at Poplar Springs Elementary School in Meridian, Mississippi, took it upon herself to raise money in memory of her teacher, Renee Watson, who died of cancer several months ago at the age of 52. Langston, daughter of Dixie and Chad Tibbetts and Corey and Sarah Langston, held a Bake Sale Fundraiser at her birthday party. She asked her friends to bring items to sell at the Bake Sale in lieu of presents. Lillie Grace was a student in Mrs. Watson's class this past year.

Watson's children were on hand as Lillie Grace presented Anderson Regional Cancer Center with the money she collected. Watson's daughter says she knows Lillie and isn't the least bit surprised by her efforts.

"I am really glad that a lot of people are still doing these things in honor of my Mom, even though she's been gone a few months... and still to this day, we get people asking what can I do to help," Erien Watson says.

"We'll have patients that will be able to purchase medicine that they otherwise couldn't have afforded," Ginny Ruffin with Anderson Regional Cancer Center said. "They will be able to have gas expense to come for treatment."