

**ONE HOPE
UNITED****MISSION**

Protecting children.
Strengthening families.

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A safe home for every child.

As One Hope United, we are uniquely positioned to advance our mission throughout our service areas by providing a diverse array of prevention, intervention and community-based support programs to vulnerable, high-risk populations, as well as education and advocacy on the local, state and national levels.

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One Hope United - Rich Cupcakes

Would you pay \$2,000 for a dozen cupcakes?

On April 18, One Hope United in Lake Villa hosted its annual Blue Ribbon Fashion Show. The organization works to prevent child abuse by providing intensive support services to families at risk.

The theme of this year's show was **"Mad Hatter's Tea Party,"** and included a tea tasting, luncheon, raffles, a fashion show and a live and silent auction. More than 300 people attended, and approximately \$110,000 was raised.

But one of the highlights of the day came from some baked goods courtesy of 5-year-old Abby Bergl.

Abby has been helping with the One Hope United fundraiser since she was 1-year-old, said her mother, Donna. In

past years, Abby has made her contribution by stuffing envelopes and selling raffle tickets.

This year, Abby wanted to do a little more, and decided to make a tray of cupcakes for the live auction, her mother said. That's when things got real interesting.

As Charity Auctioneer Jim Miller started the bidding on Abby's cupcakes, hands kept going up to bid.

Bids started getting higher.

And higher.

And higher.

Finally, **someone bid \$2,000 for Abby's cupcakes.** *"I could not believe it," Donna Bergl said. "Everyone in our family, and our friends, had tears starting to run down their faces."*

Along with the \$1,500 worth of raffle tickets she sold, Abby's efforts raised \$3,500 for One Hope United, Donna said.

Abby's grandmother, Liz Schmehl, said her granddaughter understands the money will go to help children less fortunate than her. *"She definitely understands that any help she gives goes to children who need it more than she does,"* Liz said.

Good job to Abby Bergl!

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