

Sharing God's love

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Local group of girls are missionaries of Love

Rockcastle County High School senior Cali Parker started her co-op at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in the fall of 2012. As a part of her daily duties in the Activities and Social Services Department, she spends time visiting and interacting with the residents of the Respiratory Care Center. Cali felt a connection with one resident in particular, Allie. Allie is a resident of the Respiratory Care Center and has been since May 2009.

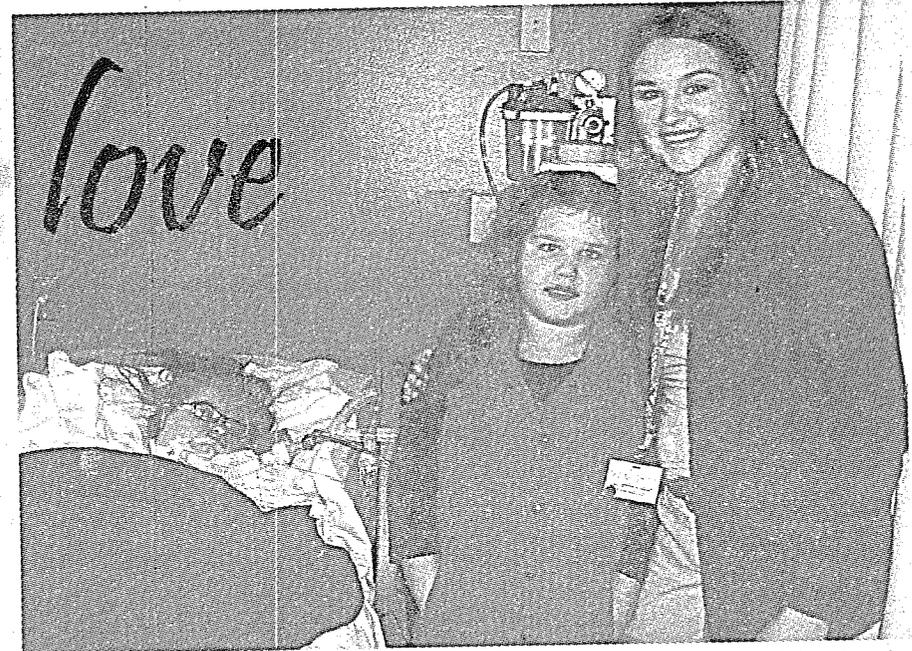
"I met Allie not long after I started working at the hospital," said Cali. "I am not sure if it is because we are the same age or not, but I felt it in my heart that God wanted me to do something

special for her."

As the Holidays approached, Cali still felt the need to do something for Allie and decided to approach the Brodhead Baptist Church Girls in Action (GA's) group. Cali is one of the group leaders and brought the girls the idea of sharing Jesus' love with her friend, Allie. The girls could not wait to get started. They decided to participate in the "secret Santa" program from the Hospital and brought in warm socks, nail polish, a Twilight poster and an iTunes gift card.

The GA's strive to be missionaries. The girls, in grades first through fifth, learn

about missionaries each Wednesday night. They spend time reading about international



Respiratory Care Center resident Allie with Girls in Action (GA) group representatives Bailey Bullock and Cali Parker.

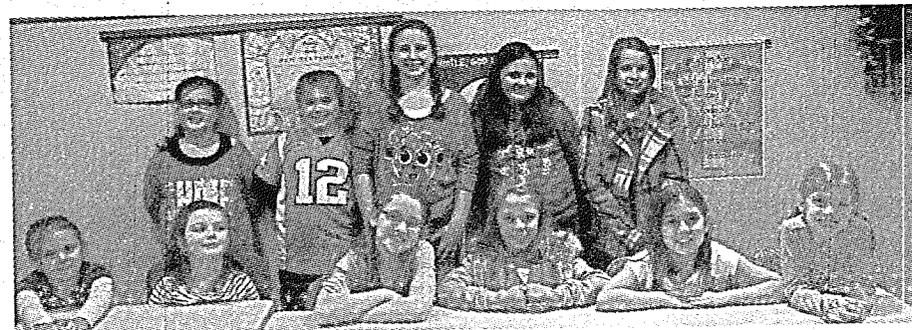


Rockcastle High School senior Cali Parker is a co-op in the Social Services/Activities Department.

missionaries and those closer to home. The biggest lesson their teachers, Bryanna Mullins, Vanessa Bullock, Ashley Clark and Cali try to teach them is that they are missionaries.

On December 19th, the GA teachers and also Vanessa's daughter, Bailey, delivered Allie's gifts and lots of smiles. Through this project all the girls in the group learned to "go forward" as their motto states, because missionaries don't have to be far away. Anyone who tells another about God's love is a missionary.

Bailey, who had visited the Respiratory Care Center previously with her second grade class for a Christmas performance, said she was glad she was able to visit Allie and deliver the gifts. "It made me feel so good," said Bailey. "I was able to show God's love and be a missionary as a part of this time with my GA friends."



The Brodhead Baptist Church Girls in Action (GA's) group—front, from left: Brylee Mullins, Davany Bullock, Izzy Clouse, Jamica Bryant, Brianna Owens and Raychel Carpenter. Back Row: Bailey Bullock, Riley Clark, Faith Harris, Bailee DeBorde, and Kaylee Brock.