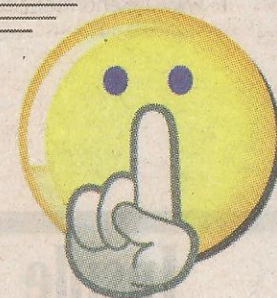


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And a child shall lead them...

Gift-giver extraordinaire Katie Greene (in pink) was the center of attention Dec. 10 at Long Creek Elementary School, where she shared her experiences collecting money and items to give hospitalized kids as Christmas gifts. Katie was the guest of the school's third-graders, who had learned about Jane Addams, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931, through a social studies unit focusing on "caring and sharing." Addams began her lifetime of humanitarian work at age six — just like Katie, who is now eight.

Katie's Kidz (www.katieskidz.org) has raised thousands of dollars and given presents to hundreds of hospitalized children in the Charlotte area. Her goal this year is to raise \$8,000. Long Creek students contributed \$258 to the Katie's Kidz cause.