



## Cans for Kids

Gershow Recycling has donated an additional \$1,000 this month on top of its pledge to match the amount of \$506 raised by the students at William Floyd Elementary School as part of "Can Tabs for Kids," a program designed to raise funds for the fight against childhood cancer. The money will go to benefit the Sunrise Fund at Stony Brook University Medical Center, an organization that raises awareness and funds for specific projects to assist families. Jonathan Abrams, Manager, Gershow Recycling, presented the check during a special assembly at William Floyd Elementary School.

As part of the Can Tabs for Kids program, students brought in aluminum tabs from soft drink and pet food cans that their parents purchased and placed them in collection bins located in their classrooms. Each week, the bags were taken out of the bins and brought to Gershow, where the contents were weighed and recycled. Gershow received 700,000 tabs

from the students, weighing a total of 460 pounds and worth \$253. The students' efforts inspired Gershow to donate an additional \$1,000 to the Sunrise Fund on top of the \$253 the company agreed to match.

Jonathan Abrams (front row, left), Manager, Gershow Recycling, presents a check in the amount of \$1,506 to Maria Marks (front row, right), a student at William Floyd Elementary School and cancer survivor who inspired the idea for the Can Tabs for Kids program. Also pictured (l-r): Keith Fasciana, Principal, William Floyd Elementary School; Christina Sarafin, girlfriend of Maria's brother Christopher; Sean Siegel, a William Floyd Elementary School student and cancer survivor; Nancy Marks, Maria's mother; Dr. Robert Parker, Director, Department of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, Stony Brook University Medical Center; and Peter Marks, Maria's father.