

TG *real-life read*

Meet **TG** reader **Mia**, who made friendship bracelets and raised almost **\$1,500** for cancer research!



Name: Mia
Age: 10
State: NSW

Hi Mia! What can you tell us about your special fundraising project? What made you decide to do it?

For my birthday, my friend got me a bracelet and when I found out about the 111 Your Way fundraising campaign, I immediately thought it would be a great thing to do. I made 111 Friendship Bracelets to help raise money for Below the Belt Cancer Research. Everyone who donates \$10 received a specially designed friendship bracelet!

What was your fundraising goal and how much did you end up raising at the end?

My beginning goal was \$250 but then we kept upping it to more. In the end, I raised really close to \$1,500.

Wow! How did your friends and family react when they heard you were then trying to raise \$1,500?

My family was shocked and surprised, but very supportive.

What did you do to let people know about your fundraiser?

My mum put it on Facebook. I came into the ANZUP office one day during the holidays to make and sell bracelets. We also put posters around the office.



What was the hardest part about making so many bracelets? Did you find any special tricks to make them?

Stacking up beads together was probably my trick, but the hardest part was definitely not getting distracted.

Have you inspired any of your friends to join in fundraising or to start their

own projects?

No, but some of my friends did come over and help me make a couple of bracelets.

Did you do anything special to celebrate all your hard work at the end of your fundraiser?

I went out to dinner with my family to my local pizza restaurant and got some ice cream afterwards!

What advice would you give to other Total Girls who might want to start their own fundraising projects?

Definitely don't be shy. Make sure that your word is heard, and don't worry if it doesn't feel like you're gonna get it done. Trust me, you will.

Now that you've completed this challenge, any new projects you want to try next?

Making posters and fundraising for my school garden - we are selling all the veggies that we have grown during the year.



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