College Class Goes All Out For Sick Child

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What started as a class assignment has turned into a full-fledged fundraising event for a local girl facing some serious health challenges.

Thia Falcone is an adjunct professor at Kodiak College, and along with instructor Barbara Brown, assigned the project to the 20 students in the class.

The suggested donation at the door for the Madisyn Sickafoose fundraiser is 10 dollars, or 40-dollars for families of four or more. The fundraiser starts at 5 p.m. on Saturday at the Kodiak Elks Club.

-- (Fundy 1 28 sec "It's a 100-level human ... we got out of the way.")

She said the project is in addition to the assignments in the "compressed course," which will meet only six weekends. The students range in age from high schoolers to those in their 40s seeking second degrees. Scott Griffin is one of those:

-- (Fundy 2 16 sec "You know a lot of good ... amazing; it really has.")

The "Little Madisyn" that Griffin refers to is Madisyn Sickafoose, a kindergartener at North Star Elementary School.

-- (Fundy 3 26 sec "The money is to raise ... currently treated in Seattle.")

Griffin said one fundraiser was held soon after Madisyn's diagnosis, and an account for donations is set up at Credit Union One downtown. He said the idea the college class had was to host a Buffalo Wing and chili cook-off, but it has expanded to include a pot-luck and other activities:

-- (Fundy 4 32 sec "And after we started ... awesome, to be honest with you.")