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Despite their age difference, Wilton-Lyndeborough High School basketball Player Tory Rysnik was close to his cousin, 4-year-old Hannah. For most of her life, Hannah battled two different forms of leukemia. "For Hannah's second birthday, (Tory) and his classmates made her a beautiful card and a gorgeous quilt. Hannah used it all the time," said her mother, Kathy Stone.

Readers of The Telegraph learned about Hannah and Tory through the reporting of sports writer Joe Marchilena.

Two days before Thanksgiving, Wilton-Lyndeborough coach Sean Young got a call from Tory; Hannah had died. Two days after Thanksgiving, at the team's next practice, Young told his players why Tory wasn't there and asked them to support their teammate.

"I told the boys, whatever you can do," Young said. "Josh (Tremblay) and Zach (Rolke) did a good job of coming up with ideas for us to make an impact and give back."

The players responded by donating money themselves, then seeking donations for Elliott's Fund, a part of the Jimmy Fund that supports research for Infant Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Eventually, they raised more than \$1,000 to donate in Hannah's honor, and their efforts were recognized in The Telegraph.

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