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HO-CHUNK GAMING BLACK RIVER FALLS SUPPORTS WESTBY FCCLA WALK FOR JUVENILE DIABETES

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI - The Wesby FCCLA held a walk for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation on March 28th and Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls (HCG-BRF) made a donation to the walk of \$500. The request for the donation came from Tessa Thurin, 13, is a part of Westby's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and organized a fundraising walk at Westby Middle School. She has raised and donated nearly \$17,000.00 for JDRF since her diagnosis in 2011.

Miss Thurin was only 10 when she was diagnosed after her grandfather noticed she was showing signs he recognized from having Diabetes himself. Her sugar levels were extremely high and she was told she suffered from Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes. Rhonda Rood (Tessa's mother) says the feeling of helplessness can be overwhelming when your child is diagnosed with any disease.

In 2014, Tessa won the My Diabetes Diary contest put on by WKBT of La Crosse and HCG-BRF. Her story of finding out about being diagnosed with diabetes at a young age and how she handled it was an inspiration to all that read it. You can read Tessa's story and many others by logging in to www.mydiabetesdiary.org.

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