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Like most loved ones of cancer patients, Mike Glanville's family and friends felt helpless when the 1990 UT graduate was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2011. His niece, Olivia Ruffner, felt especially powerless.

What could she possibly do to help, considering she was only ten-years-old?

Yet age was no deterrent for the thoughtful and ambitious Eastwood Middle School student. "After discussing with my Grandpa Delph that I wanted to help," she said, "I decided that raising money for brain cancer research would be a huge help to Uncle Mike and others."

Her grandfather contacted Howard Newman, assistant vice president for development for UT's Health Science Campus, who arranged a tour of the UT research lab with Dr. William Maltese, chair of UT's biochemistry and cancer biology department.

"He showed me live cancer cells through a microscope and told me the importance of research," said Olivia. "I was so impressed that I decided all the money I raised would go to UT's research lab."

The entire family got involved, putting out ads, flyers, and Facebook posts asking the community to donate used items for Olivia to sell to raise money. After just two



Olivia Ruffner was honored as a 2012 Outstanding Young Philanthropist of the Year for her fundraising efforts for brain cancer research.

Sundays last summer at the Perrysburg Flea Market, Olivia surpassed her \$1,000 goal.

Olivia, who turned 11 in October, said her fundraising project has been a learning experience. "I learned how generous my community is because in no time, we had more items to sell than storage space. Instead of a table at the flea market, I had an entire corner of the parking lot," she said. "One lady pulled up with a vanload of items and told me she lost her baby boy to brain cancer."

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She was also surprised by how many people had family members with cancer. "Everyone had a story of how cancer touched their lives," she said. "I marked prices on nothing and just told people to give what they wanted to help brain cancer research. I got \$30 for two old paperback books!"

Even after she reached her goal, Olivia's efforts didn't end. She and her seven-year-old twin sisters, Emma and Elle, had put their money together last year to buy a gumball machine for the family's restaurant, the O-Deer Diner, in Perrysburg. They decided all profits from the month of August would go to their cause. "We made a sign and put it on the gumball machine," she said. "The sale of gumballs skyrocketed!"

They raised an additional \$81, bringing the total raised to over \$1,300.

Word got out about Olivia's grassroots fundraising, and she was honored in November as a 2012 Outstanding Youth Philanthropist at the National Philanthropy Day event, sponsored by the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

"This was an outstanding experience for Olivia," said her mother, Dana Delph-Ruffner. "It really was overwhelming; people were so supportive."

Although Mike Glanville passed away in August 2012, the efforts by Olivia, her family, and the community, will continue to help make an impact on cancer research at UT.

"Uncle Mike was really proud of me and appreciated my efforts to raise money for cancer research. He passed away not long after my last flea market, but he let me know how proud he was that I chose to help him and others with brain cancer," said Olivia.

"I have learned that if you put your mind to something, you can do it," she said, "even if you are young."

To join Olivia in donating to the UT Foundation's Biochemistry Fund to benefit cancer research, contact Howard Newman at howard.newman@utoledo.edu or 419-383-6840.

GLENN RUIHLEY HONORS FAMILY'S LOVE FOR ARTS THROUGH BEQUEST

Glenn Ruihley didn't graduate from The University of Toledo, and he didn't have a career in music. But when he passed away at the age of 87 in December 2011, he chose to make an estate gift to benefit UT's music department as the way to best honor his parents as well as his family's love of the arts.

Raised in Toledo, Dr. Ruihley earned a bachelor's degree in English at the University of Michigan and a doctorate in history at the University of Wisconsin.

He served in the United State Army and worked for the U.S. State Department, stationed in Paris and in Guayaquil, Ecuador. While serving as a diplomatic courier for the State Department, he enjoyed traveling throughout the world.

After returning to the United States, he served as an English professor at Eastern Michigan University, teaching poetry for many years until his retirement.

He also authored three books: "A Shard of Silence," "An Anthology of Great U.S. Women Poets 1850-1990: Temples and Palaces," and "August Ruihley: A Private History."

His sister, Beatrice Ruihley Faunce, said her brother was highly intelligent and had a great love for learning.

His educational pursuits led to three varied academic degrees throughout the years. "My mother kept saying, 'What is he going to be?'" Mrs. Faunce said with a laugh.

Dr. Ruihley's younger brother, Wayne, said that although his brother was not a musician, he enjoyed listening to music and was "artsy," as evidenced by his career as a poet and writer.

"In my brief experience with Glenn, I learned that he was a truly delightful person: well educated, and spirited," said Jennifer Antonini, a Toledo attorney who was his guardian for a year.

"He was a prolific writer, and his 'Anthology of Great U.S. Women Poets' was truly a work of a lifetime."

Ms. Antonini noted that his gift to The University of Toledo "was consistent with his love of education and the arts." In addition, she said the gift was also a beautiful tribute to his parents, Elliot and Beatrice Ruihley, in whose honor a concert will be held annually.

Dr. Timothy Brakel, chair of UT's music department, said Dr. Ruihley's bequest of \$350,000 will be a tremendous benefit to the department and its students.

The gift is another step in achieving the department of music's strategic plan goals of enhancing education and increasing student achievement, Dr. Brakel noted, by reducing the financial pressures on students in this era of rising college costs and student debt.

"The availability of music scholarships impacts the quality of our students' academic success significantly," he said. "Dr. Ruihley's gift will help us attract and retain outstanding music students."



Through an estate gift, Dr. Glenn Ruihley donated \$350,000 to provide scholarships for University of Toledo music students.

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WHY I GIVE: ROGER JOHNSON



Name: Roger William Johnson and his late wife, Audrey

Profession: Retired accountant

Residence: Sun City, Texas

UT Degrees: Bachelor's degree in accounting, 1955

Favorite UT Experience: There are too many to recall, but I loved my busy life of academics, tennis (played varsity tennis for four years), and social life (was in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity).

UT Area of Support: Our gifts, (Audrey's and mine) are designed to benefit outstanding accounting students in the Honors College.

Why I Give: I feel I received a very good education in accounting. This provided me with an excellent start in a profession I enjoyed very much throughout my career. I was also awarded a tuition-paid scholarship by the University, and I am proud to give back to help others.

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Gradkowski's opened Jan. 15 at The University of Toledo Gateway, at the corner of Secor Road and Dorr Street. The restaurant joins other Gateway retailers such as Barnes & Noble, Yogurt U, Starbucks, Great Clips, Verizon Wireless, Jimmy John's and Rice Blvd. The upper level of the 88,500-square-foot retail center houses the Lofts at Gateway, 48 loft-style apartments.

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