

ASHLEY WILK:

The daughter of Sterling Heights Police Captain John Wilk, Ashley was nominated by the Sterling Heights City Council. On a recent check up at Children's Hospital, Ashley, a cancer survivor, noticed the toys, games and puzzles were missing from the hospital rooms. Having spent a lot of time at the hospital since cancer was discovered in one of her kidneys when she was 10 months old, Ashley knew the importance of those toys. They got her and many other children through long waits and painful procedures. When she found out the toys were gone because with staff cut-backs, the toys could not be sanitized for the patients, she decided to provide new toys that the children could take home. She started her collection at her school, the Utica Center for Mathematics, Science and Technology, then expanded to a collection box at our police station. Ashley also organized a day for students at her school to make fleece lap blankets for patients in the oncology department.