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Students at Belhaven have been raising money for those suffering in Darfur, and these students in Mark Haviland's seventh-grade class raised the most. Kneeling in the first row are Abby Carey, Hanna Anderson and David Taylor. Standing, left to right, are Junda Qu, Jake Snook, Rithvik Mandalapu, Zach Dothe, Garrett Ewing, Sarah Krulish, Jared Annapolle, Nikki Storr, Samantha LeBright, Tommy Robbins, Elyssa Brezel, Melissa March, Chris McClintock, Heather Alper, Amy Gandhi, Lauren Hickey, Matt Rutala, Justin Edwards, Steven Buzby, Megan Snelling, Ryan Mahoney, Evan Shomo, teacher Mark Haviland and Lacey Wood.

Belhaven students raise funds for Darfur

LINWOOD – One student helped propel seventh-graders at Belhaven Middle School to help people halfway across the world.

Social studies teacher Mark Haviland said seventh-student Jason Cervi had asked him if they could do anything to be a part of Help Darfur Now.

HDR was started by three New Jersey high school students to raise money for and awareness of the problems in the Darfur region of Sudan.

The group has raised more than \$400,000 with the help of others, donating the funds to Doctors Without Borders, the International Rescue Committee and the United Nations Refugee Agency.

Belhaven has been raising money since April and ended this week.

After learning about the crisis in world history classes, students began selling T-shirts, bracelets and pins supplied by HDR.

Students also brought in

unwanted items that were auctioned off in world history class.

Coins were collected, and several students created PowerPoint presentations about the genocide in Darfur to inform students in other grades.

The students have collected more than \$800 for the cause, not counting the coins, which need to be counted before the proceeds are sent to HDR.

To find out more visit www.helpdarfurnow.org.

cur rent (*kər' nt*) *adj.* [*< L currere, to run*] **1** now going on; of the present time **2** circulating **3** commonly accepted; prevalent.