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## A little bit goes a log way

By Ken Grimball

It's true that good things sometimes come in small packages. Those tiny tabs that we pull to open soda cans, soups cans, and a lot more can be used to save lives. 10-year-old Maria Marks, from Shirley, has developed a program called "Can Tabs for Kids." The 5th grader was diagnosed with Liver Cancer when she was four. After years of chemotherapy, unfortunately, she has lost some of her hearing; however, her cancer is in remission now. Her parents say she is just like any other girl her age.

Maria's program is two years old now. The thousands of tabs that are collected are recycled at Gershow Recycling, with the proceeds (up to 5 thousand dollars a year) being given to Stony Brook Medical Center for cancer research. It's a wonderful story! A child has come up with a program that could potentially help many other children.

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