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# Optimist Project Profiles

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## CHILDHOOD CANCER



**Project Name:** Girl Scout Day of Compassion with Zink the Zebra  
**Sponsoring Club Name:** Optimist Club of New Orleans  
**Location:** New Orleans, Louisiana

**Target:** Girl Scouts

**Purpose of Project:** Educate children about the importance of accepting others who are different or have disabilities



**Project:** Girl Scout troops attended Six Flags for a day of fun-filled activities, as well as an educational program sponsored by the Optimist Club. The program included reading the book *Zink the*



*Zebra* inspired by an 11-year-old girl with cancer. The book shows how other children treated her throughout her battle with cancer. The girls also played scenario-based games and were educated on various contagious vs. noncontagious diseases.

**Results:** More than 480 children participated in the Day of Compassion. The girls also created “Thinking of You” cards that were sent to patients and families at Children’s Hospital and the New Orleans Ronald McDonald House.



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