Great Things Start in Small Sizes

Eleven-year-old Alivia Tetlow was watching Animal Planet’s *Whale Wars* and became concerned about endangered animals. It was then that she decided to have a fundraising event to help World Wildlife Fund, an organization that seeks to aid animals from the Amazon to the Arctic.

Alivia told the *Monocle,* “I figured if no one else would help, I could help.” She has lots of favorite animals, especially seals, giraffes, butterflies, pandas, and, well, the list gets a bit too long as her love of animals is pretty large. She went to Dr. Peter Eeg of Poolesville Veterinary Clinic, and he was thrilled to help her. With her display and poster of a giant paper giraffe to get attention, she smiled and coaxed passersby to contribute.

Wear a Blue Ribbon

All Poolesville Cluster schools recognize the immediate and potentially devastating effect of bullying. While efforts to stem this terrible problem are ongoing, the schools have designated the week of November 8 through 12 as Blue Ribbon Week. Blue Ribbon week is a designated spirit week promoted at the schools with activities and lessons that focus on respect and bully prevention. Businesses in town were encouraged to help promote the initiative by placing Blue Ribbon Week posters in their windows and by having employees wear blue ribbons.