



An elementary student displays a poster she made to save the Maus

Kelly Gunderson is a First Grade Teacher at Knox Community Elementary School. This is located in Knox, Indiana, United States, a small rural community in Northern Indiana. Kelly writes: "I have been displaying information about Egypt and the EMRO mission in Egypt when I had a group of (older elementary) students ask me how they could get involved. They were saddened that the cats in Egypt were dying and being poisoned. They all said they loved animals and especially cats. Many of them want to someday visit Egypt and these cats. They wanted make a difference and help raise supplies and money to ship to the shelter in Egypt. They have spent their recesses coming to my classroom to make posters, banners, signs and boxes for donations. They are putting these around the school, their parents' places of business, local businesses and area vet clinics. They are even getting other students to help with their efforts. Many of them are also writing letters to Halle Berry ("Catwoman") for support. I am hopeful of spreading this to other classroom teachers, making this a school-wide writing project. I've left this strictly up to the kids and WOW I'm impressed with their commitment--especially to give up their free time to help someone (meaning the cats.)!"



Elementary school children assemble during breaks to make posters for the Maus

EMRO Note: Ms. Gunderson and her daughter travelled to Egypt in November, 2004 and brought back a black Egyptian Mau kitten (named "Bastet") with them to the US. EMRO corresponded and worked with them to help get the necessary paperwork for travel, etc. Kelly's enthusiasm for the cause of the Maus in Egypt led to her posting information outside her classroom, and the rest, as they say, is history! They are gathering money and cat toys to send to EMRO to help the cats. Thank you so much, Ms. Gunderson and children of Knox Community, for your wonderful efforts on behalf of these cats! Hopefully your efforts will inspire other similar fund-raising efforts as well!!

If you have any comments you'd like to pass on to Kelly, or questions, please direct your inquiries to: info@emaurescue.org and put "Kelly" in the subject line.