

News Release

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43rd annual Telethon raises \$1,307,477

Western New York once again showed they have the biggest hearts in America as they helped to raise \$1,307,477 during the 43rd annual Variety Club Telethon, the weekend of March 12 & 13. The 43rd Annual Telethon, the longest locally produced Telethon in the world, was broadcast on WKBW-TV Channel 7.

Kathy Kaminski, Female Crew Chief for the Town of Amherst, served as Telethon Chairman. "I am so happy that the people of Western New York, Northern Pennsylvania and Southern Ontario took the time to Look Through The Eyes of our children. I thank the thousands of volunteers that came together to help our efforts. This area raises more money per capita than any other city in America when it comes to kids. I am so honored to have served as General Chairman." said Kaminski

Funds raised during the annual Telethon benefit the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit Patient Monitoring System, equipment for the 8th floor Hematology/Oncology Unit at Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo, the Robert Warner Rehabilitation Center and other Western New York children charities