

Giant bear hug worth \$329,249

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A giant bear hug that took place more than a month ago turned into a big donation for cancer research in Ottawa on Tuesday, when the Bear Hug Organizing Committee handed over a cheque for \$329,249 to the Sens Foundation at Notre Dame High School.

The money was raised by more than 10,000 students from the Ottawa Catholic School Board, who banded together along the banks of the Rideau Canal on May 7 to support cancer research funding and to break a Guinness World Record for largest hug.

The school board had held the record in 2004, and is still waiting to hear whether this year's attempt regained it.

The Sens Foundation will divide the funds between the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, the Ottawa Hospital Foundation, Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation and Roger's House.