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Mazel Tov & Congratulations

Rachel Vaughn Spearheads Fundraiser for Project HALO



Rachel with her dog, Bailey.

They are just simple pieces, beautiful beads on string, necklaces and bracelets, amid a vast sea of professional and eclectic art pieces and precious jewels, glass sculptures and decorated mirrors. The pieces stand out not just because of their simplicity, but because of the small sign that accompanies them: "Local Artist Rachel Vaughn: Rachel is a young artists who donates her profits to Project Halo, an organization that helps rescue dogs in the Charlotte area."

Project Halo is a no-kill dog rescue project that Rachel Vaughn has chosen for her mitzvah project in conjunction with her upcoming bat mitzvah. She tried at first to save all of her

babysitting money to donate but that wasn't amounting to much very quickly. So she turned to selling items that she enjoyed making, necklaces and bracelets.

Enter Sheryl Skinner who has just opened The Purple Pea, a shop that represents artists and artisans of many kinds. She was moved by Rachel's story of wanting to help Project Halo and put several of Rachel's pieces in her shop. "I just want to help Rachel," she said several times when she was visited at the Purple Pea recently.

"Helping homeless and hungry dogs is important to me because there are so many in need," Rachel says. "If we can all help this cause, hopefully there will come a day where there isn't a need."

Rachel is so sincere in her



Sheryl Skinner and her dad, Dave Skinner, at The Purple Pea.

efforts, so convincing, that another local business owner has stepped up to the plate to help her



A sampling of Rachel's handmade jewelry.

out. Frank & Peg's Fish & Pet Place on South Boulevard has donated items that Rachel can give to Project Halo to help the dogs that they care for before they get adopted.

Rachel's goal is to raise \$700. So far she has reached \$430 and is asking people to visit the Purple Pea at the Shops at Piper Glen (near Trader Joe's) and check out her jewelry so that she can help make the life of at least one dog a little bit better. ☆

ENGAGEMENT

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