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“DO PASS FOR DENIM” RAISES \$1,780

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (May 9, 2016) –

Members of the Arkansas House raised \$1,780 on Monday for an organization that helps families whose children are struck by a medical catastrophe.

In an event the House called “Do Pass for Denim”, representatives were allowed to wear jeans in the chamber during Sine Die adjournment for a donation of \$20.

The money is being donated to the Baby Sharon Fund.

In 2003, the General Assembly added the Baby Sharon Fund to list of the charitable donations you can make through the state tax check-off program.

The fund was created by an Arkansas teacher whose granddaughter, Sharon Lin Emmel, died when she was two months old in 2001 after surgery in Bangkok, Thailand. Not having the needed funds kept her from coming to Arkansas Children’s Hospital for what could have been a life-saving procedure.

To date, the fund has awarded over \$116,000 in grants to families. Learn more about the organization at www.babysharonfund.arkansas.gov

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