Erin Brennecke died last year, but the Society of the Prim Roses continues to honor her LIFE. LIFE, or Leaving an Impression for Erin, is a fund-raiser in memory of Brennecke. She died Feb. 6, 2002, after a struggle with bone cancer, according to the Feb. 14, 2002, issue of the Index. All the funds raised from the sale of tickets will benefit the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Iowa (Iowa City). Brennecke received most of her treatments in the pediatric ward there.

The goal of the center is to "decrease the burden and suffering from cancer" through clinical care, education and research, according to its Web site.

The Prim Roses sent letters to local businesses asking them to donate prizes and were pleased with the response, said senior Danielle Farrar, the philanthropy and fund-raising chairwoman for the Prim Roses. "Most businesses are more than happy to help," she said. Fifteen local businesses donated gift certificates and prizes for the benefit. They are Avon, Taylor Flowers, ?Uptown Café, Lawson Hill, The Wooden Nickel, Hair Academy 110, Little Caesars, Stage, Troester's, Pancake City, The Sun Spot, Razor's Edge, Originals, Country Kitchen and Ponderosa.

Additionally, the Prim Roses created six gift baskets, St. Louis Cardinals and Kansas City Royals tickets, and an afghan made by a cancer survivor to give away. One prize Farrar said she is very excited about is a 12-string guitar. Brennecke was learning to play that instrument before she died. This is the second year the Prim Roses have sponsored LIFE. Last year's benefit raised $1,800, and this year's goal is $2,000, said freshman Angela Farabee, a member of the LIFE committee.

"This is a good opportunity for poor college students to donate to a worthy cause and get something back in return," she said.

The prize drawing is at 7 p.m. tonight in the SUB Alumni Room. Tickets are available from Prim Rose members and at the door. Tickets are $1 for three chances. Winners do not have to be present.

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