

# Shooting victim fund tops \$11,000

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A local woman had hoped to collect \$5,000 to help pay for hospital bills and equipment likely needed by wounded Becker's store clerk Barbara Turnbull. But she's been pleasantly surprised by a figure of more than double that.

As of yesterday, friends, neighbors and total strangers have donated a total of \$11,569.07 to the injured girl.

Joan Dunn, 25, had originally set out to collect signatures for a get-well card for the 18-year-old victim of a \$200 armed robbery but neighbors insisted she take money to buy something for her.

"I figured I'd buy her a plant or something but when the amount got up to \$250, I thought how many plants can she have," the part-time Montessori school teacher said.

## RECOVERY

A neighbor suggested the Turnbolls could probably use the money for Barbara's recovery so Dunn decided to set up a fund at the Toronto Dominion Park at Park Royal Plaza. She said it turned out to be "quite a responsibility" but she's glad she undertook the job.

"I'm really pleased to see the response and see how the people in this area care for each other," she said.

"There are a lot of caring people out there and you can be sure Barbara knows it."

Dunn has collected \$254 on just one street and a crescent the first day and the rest over the past week.

She got a call last week from a clerk at a Becker's store in Scarborough who said she and three other clerks got together and would be contributing \$200 themselves.

The owner of the Benedet Dr. Becker's where Barbara was shot has also put up a depository for his customers to contribute.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Barbara Turnbull Fund can do so at any TD bank west of Yonge St. or the Becker's on Benedet Dr.

Another thing Dunn learned while collecting the money is that people are angry about the shooting and want to see longer jail terms for people convicted of violent crimes.

Provincial statistics show that 1,163 counts of robbery were dealt with from April 1982 to March 1983. The incidents range from very minor to people actually getting killed or maimed by a gun-wielding bandit.

For males, the minimum sentence was one day and the maximum 9,131 days (25 years). The average is 627.5 (1.72 years).

For females, the minimum was 21 days and the maximum was 1,826 days (five years). The average jail term they were sentenced to was 406.6 days (1.11 years).