

Fund-raising flamingoes stolen

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Relay for Life team wants birds back, donations.

Plastic flamingoes, used in a Dawson County Relay for Life fund-raising project, have been stolen.

April Headley, who is spearheading the project, said someone apparently stole the flamingoes from McDonald's Restaurant about a week ago.

The children of the Family Night Out For A Cure Relay-for-Life Team started the fund raiser because of their success with the project last year when \$1,195 was raised to fight cancer.

For \$10 or more, a pink flamingo could be rented from the lawn of McDonald's Restaurant.

A one-time \$25 donation allowed birds to stay with the flock.

Headley said local police officers have located some flamingoes in yards throughout Gothenburg.

"We just feel that who ever did this not only stole from the kids raising the money but also stole from cancer victims and survivors," Headley said.

She said the group was hoping to raise at least \$1,000 by residents donating money for a bird to be placed in someone's yard.

However people can still donate by contacting Headley at 308-529-3659 or mailing a tax-deductible donation to 1202 Avenue B, Gothenburg, 69138.

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Headley said they also ask residents to call her if they have a flamingo in their yard so it can be returned.

“Maybe something good can still come out of this for the kids’ team,” she said.