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**Dexter, Missouri -** The DHS Lady 'Cats Softball team made a wonderful donation to the Ben Kruse 18 FORE Life Foundation this past week. Ashley Brown and her coach basically came up with the idea just two years ago to have a Swing Pink Softball Tournament to raise much needed money for people fighting cancer and their families.

In the first year they only had 8 teams competing, but managed to raise an extraordinary amount of \$4,300 for the local charity. "Ashley and I basically thought of the idea at almost the same moment," commented Coach Leonard Morse. "We new we had a hit on our hands after the first tournament and I believe this is a legacy that Ashley leaves with us at DHS." Ashley is a junior and has one more year to help host the event. Thank you Ashley and your teammates for helping such a wonderful organization.

This year 12 softball teams competed on a very windy day in April. The annual Swing Pink Softball Tournament featured some of the best teams in Southeast Missouri. The weather has not really cooperating with Spring sporting events; however it didn't stop these girls from raising \$3,800 for the Ben Kruse 18 FORE Life Foundation and placing 3rd in the tournament.

The plans are already under way for next year's event and it seems to be growing each

year. They expect 16 teams to be competing and perhaps they will make an even larger donation to Ben Kruse 18 FORE Life Foundation.

Amazing what teenagers can do when they put their minds together. Their spirit is alive and they really make an effort on the softball field. These girls are truly dedicated not only to their sport, but are passionate about their charity.

Scott Kruse, founder, shown in the picture receiving the check from the Lady 'Cats Softball Team. "This is awesome!" stated Kruse. "Each year I am amazed by these girls. Thank you."

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