

## Community Against Bullying gets the word out

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In the middle of her busy day Tuesday, Danielle Borgerson-Nesvold received a phone call that she thought was from a telemarketer, when she saw Turner Broadcasting pop up on her caller ID.

The call was from a representative from the Anderson Cooper 360 news program, calling because the show had heard about the efforts of Austin's group Community Against Bullying (C.A.B.).

"I thought it was kind of a joke at first," Borgerson-Nesvold said.

No jokes here. AC360 was inquiring about the fundraising efforts of the group, because they're interested in trying to send a correspondent or a film crew out to the Take It To the Streets fundraising event Aug. 26.

Borgerson-Nesvold and the AC360 representative talked for about an hour, and Borgerson-Nesvold said she even broke down crying during the conversation because the call "just gives me a lot of hope that we're doing a good thing."

AC360 is also interested in any fundraising efforts C.A.B. would be having in September.

"This is really huge for our group," Borgerson-Nesvold said, to more than 15 people gathered at the group's meeting Thursday night. "If other people are witnessing this from outside, it just makes me feel bigger than this room."

The CNN news program isn't the only one buzzing about C.A.B. Right now, they're trying to raise about \$20,000 in order to bring in the internationally-known motivational speaker and Minnesota native The Scary Guy; his mission is "The total elimination of hate, violence and prejudice worldwide," according to his website.

Apparently, The Scary Guy is talking about this anti-bullying group in Austin, Minn. to people in other countries, Borgerson-Nesvold said.

"So that was really kind of humbling," she said. "Our group is going to be really impactful. It's really going to impact other people to be aware."

The goal is to have The Scary Guy come to town in November to speak to Austin's schools and community. They are aiming high to get him here, Borgerson-Nesvold said, because "the anti-bullying issue right now is huge."

Thursday night, group members discussed their upcoming fundraising efforts. They have T-shirts with the C.A.B. logo that they'll be selling for \$8, with \$4 going back to the group on each shirt.

But the big draw will be Take It To the Streets next week. Volunteers will be at locations near Riverland Community College and Austin High School from noon to 7 p.m. Aug. 26, collecting donations and also selling T-shirts.

All proceeds from this event will be matched by the home office of Modern Woodmen of America, up to \$2,500. C.A.B. also has the support of the Austin Bruins, and Bruiser the mascot will be a part of the action

from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. during the event.

Borgerson-Nesvold said how important it is to get the word out about C.A.B., and anyone wanting to know more or help with Take It To the Streets should contact her.

"We're all making a huge, huge difference," she said.