

Just 5 more minutes . . . students miss record

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A group of PACI students won't see their names in the Guinness Book of World Records anytime soon.

But they can take some consolation in the fact that they were very, very close.

The group of 14 students attempted Sunday to set a record for laying a continuous line of 79,200 pennies in the fastest time as part of a fundraiser for the Keri

Chase Foundation. They were trying to beat the record of two hours, 42 minutes and 29 seconds held by a group in England.

"One of the kids was saying that if they had five more minutes, they feel they would have been able to do it," Leslie Chase-Delisle, a foundation fundraiser, said yesterday.

"They really had their hopes up at the beginning, and they were disappointed."

Chase-Delisle said the foundation would

organize such an event again if the students wanted another shot at the record.

The problem, she said, is that most of the students who took part Sunday have graduated and will be out of town pursuing post-secondary education in the fall.

The event was part of a foundation fundraising drive which involved PACI, Hammaraskold, Churchill and Hillcrest high schools.

PACI won the chance to go for the record

by raising the most money during the school year.

Chase-Delisle said the fundraising drive brought in about \$1,800 for the foundation.

Keri Chase was killed in a car accident at age 42 in November 2001. Throughout her life, Chase was dedicated to helping find homes for injured and stray animals.

Her family formed the foundation after Keri's death to continue her cause and preserve her memory.

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