

# Student's passion for fashion aids troubled peers

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**KAITLYN WOSIK**

slogans.

She has been getting plenty of positive response through friends and social media, while selling a few dozen shirts for the cause.

"There's a lot to learn about customer service in the process of starting the business because if something isn't exactly what the customer wants, they paid for it so you have to go through a lot, but it's definitely worth it to make a good name for the product," added Wosik, who'd like to work on the business or communications side of the fashion industry.

"I'd like to reach a larger audience and continue this project because it's more about spreading awareness while doing something I enjoy."

Wosik hopes to help organize a special event at CtK next year in support of those suffering from mental illness.

A 16-year-old Georgetown resident is putting her passion for fashion to work to help youths struggling with various forms of mental illness.

Kaitlyn Wosik, a Grade 11 Christ the King student, started up an online clothing company last summer and is donating her proceeds to an organization called mindyourmind, a resource centre and website for youths and "emerging adults" who are experiencing problems such as depression, self-harm, anxiety or eating disorders.

"I did suffer from depression, so after that I always found an outlet with designing and this is a way to turn it into something that helps people in that situation," she said.

"I think that's why this is so important to me because some of my friends have gone through it and I know a lot of people at school have too, but we don't really have anything to help them with that or really talk about it. It's not something you want to discuss when you're going through it."

Wosik's venture, Kaitlyn Taylor Designs (kaillyntaylor designs.wordans.com/my/boutique), began with her actually sewing designs onto the t-shirts herself, but she then found a company called Wordans that hosts her website and prints the shirts with a wide variety of her illustrations and

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