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## Community Raises Thousands for Crime Victim

It started with one business owner's idea to raise 'two thousand dollars' and has just kept climbing.

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Two days after the [two teenagers accused of robbing and beating 74-year-old Yong Yang were ordered held for trial](#), new numbers are coming in on the effort to raise funds to help with Yang's climbing medical bills.

As news spread about the attack on the owner of [Yangs Farmers Market in Berwyn](#), [Sweet Jazmines Pastry Shop owner Kim Cuthbert](#) started an effort to raise money to help with his medical expenses. Two weeks later the fundraising drive she started "hoping to raise even two thousand dollars" has raised about \$12,000.

**"I should have known to dream bigger," Cuthbert says.**

Cuthbert tells Patch that not only have businesses been generous in making donations, but so have individuals. Cuthbert says several people have come in to her store and made cash donations to the fund, wishing to stay anonymous. She says one business made a \$550 donation, and charitable groups like [T&E Care](#) have also donated.

Yang was in court with his daughter and son-in-law Wednesday. He was not allowed to stay in the courtroom during the preliminary hearing for 18-year-old Ocatavio Sandoval and a 17-year-old accomplice because he could be called as a witness when his accused attackers come to trial.

**There's still a need.**

After the hearing Yang's daughter told Patch that his life has been dramatically changed as a result of the attack. He was hit in the face and has lost sight in his left eye. Chae Yang says doctors have ordered her father not to return to work for now. He can no longer live on his own and he won't know for at least six months if he will regain any sight in his eye. She and her family expressed deep gratitude for the outpouring of supportive. Yang has medicare but it will not cover many of the costs associated with what could turn out to be a long recovery and loss of work.

**How to help**

Meanwhile Cuthbert is continuing to run what she is calling "bake sales" for Mr. Yang at her shop next to the Berwyn Fire Company. Friday's featured

item is cake slices with all of the proceeds going to help support Yang.

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