Dylan Siegel and Jonah Peurnazarian have been best friends since they met in preschool. "We do lots of fun things together," says Dylan. "We like to play Monopoly and basketball and go on the swings. Jonah is super fun and nice."

Dylan thinks having a friend like Jonah is "so chocolate bar." "That means something is awesome," explains Dylan.

When he found out Jonah had a rare liver disease, Dylan wanted to do something to help his friend. That's when he decided to create a book called Chocolate Bar. "People usually don't write a book to help other people. That's why I wanted to do it," says Dylan.

The Biggest Chocolate Bar

In the book, Dylan wrote about things he and Jonah like to do. He figured that other kids would enjoy doing those things, too, and would understand how great—how "chocolate bar"—those things are in a friendship. The last words in the book are: "I like to help my friends. That is the biggest chocolate bar."

Dylan and Jonah are not just best friends. They are classmates, too. When their school announced a special "good deeds" day, Dylan decided that was the day he was going to start selling his book.

He asked his mom and dad to make lots of copies. Then Dylan had another idea. He asked a local grocery store to donate real chocolate bars to sell in addition to the books. The store owner was happy to do it.

Chocolate Bar was so popular that Dylan sold all 200 copies. "I was really excited and surprised!" he says. All the candy bars sold, too.

People were very generous with their money, and many made donations. That day, Dylan raised $6,000! He gave the money to the University of Florida where Jonah's doctor and others are searching for a cure for the disease.

News about Chocolate Bar spread quickly, and soon Dylan started selling the book online. So far, he has donated more than $800,000 for liver disease research. "I feel happy," says Dylan. "I have a chance to help find a cure."

Highlights is proud to know this Gallant Kid.

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