



Stephen's Mission

The Toledo Kids Who Care

A Note From Stephen!

Hello everyone, hope everybody is enjoying the last days of summer.

As always I have some very special people that I would like to thank....

I would like to start with Migdalia Llerena, this is an extraordinary person. She has supported my dreams right from the start. Regardless of her medical condition or very busy schedule, she finds the time to collect and wash bags and bags of stuffed animals so that we can donate them to University Hospital. She has always donated very generously towards my mission and there will never be enough THANK YOU'S to repay her. I only thank God that there are people like her in this world.

Talking about extraordinary people..... Ester and Estela Prado have once again out done themselves. Thanks for your generous donation and for all the beautiful blankets donated to the boarder babies. Once again I don't know what I would do without your generosity and support.

To Victor, Silvia, Amanda and Victor Stephen Velazquez....a true example of what real friends are all about. Thank you for your very generous donation of crayons and art projects donated for Clara Mass Medical Center. Thank you guys for always being there when we need you. We are very lucky to have you in our life.

Many thanks to Osvaldo & Olga Ojeda for their very generous donation of used toys and clothes. These items will be sold at a thrift shop at University Hospital. Thank you so very much for always thinking of me and giving so generously to all in need.

To Ruben & Consuelo Toledo, Ruben Toledo Jr., The Esteves Family, Paula Del Valle and Family, Adela Bell, Hilda Caso, Nerieda & Pedro Torres, Berta & Edid Hernandez, Angela & Carlos Torres, to My Nina, My Nino and the Torres Boys, to my Godmother Randy and Terry thank you all for always supporting me and making it possible to do all that I do.

To Abu and Aba thank you so much for always thinking of us and helping our mission.



During our recent family vacation we were able to spend some time with our Grandparents who have been collecting coins from family and friends in the Miami area. Although separated by distance their love and support is always felt very close.



To Our Mimi and Pipo you know what you mean to me. Our mission would not be what it is today without you guys. Thanks for everything you do for me. You guys are GREAT!!



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August 9th Visit to University Hospital in Newark

Our August 9, 2005 visit to University



Hospital was great! We picked up Mimi and Pipo who once again accompanied us. In this picture you can see 2 more blankets that Mimi knitted and that will be donated along

with the 2 baby car seats to needy families.

Once at the Hospital we were greeted by Mrs. Mary Mathis-Ford and members of her staff



who made arrangements for a hand cart to help with our delivery. During this visit we were able to donate 5 bags of used items generously donated by the Ojeda family. These articles will be sold at a thrift shop to



help subsidize student doctors (studying at UMDNJ) that could not otherwise pay their own

tuition. Also donated during this visit were 4 bags of stuffed animals, 4 mobiles for the border babies' cribs, 2 baby car seats and several new items also donated for the border babies.



Mrs. Mary Mathis-Ford with her lovely staff, my sisters, my grandparents and I.

August 15th Visit to Clara Maass Medical Center

On August 15, 2005 we paid our friends at



Clara Maass another visit. Once again we were very lucky to have Mimi help us. During this visit we delivered many goodie bags with the items donated by the



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Velazquez Family. The bags consisted of an assortment of coloring books, crayons, reading books, an activity kit and a small toy.



The kids we saw seemed to really enjoy them and were very thankful. Again we would like to thank Victor, Silvia, Amanda, and Victor Stephen for their wonderful donation. Your generosity will bring joy to many sick kids.

Stephanie had a great idea for the bags this month. She suggested making labels for the outside of the bags with our pictures, website and P.O.Box address. As you can see the bags looked great!!! Way to go Stephanie...great PR idea.



The Belleville Post

On Thursday, July 14th we made the front page of the Belleville Post. Mr. Adam Kuczynski, staff writer of the Belleville Post did a great job reporting the events of the Breakfast Reception held in Clara Maass on June 28th in my honor. He included some great pictures...I especially like the one with my cousin Alex standing behind me. Alex is a great role model to me and has always supported me in anything that I do.

On Thursday, July 21st the Belleville Post wrote an editorial on the article from the week prior. The article was very nicely written and dedicated a paragraph explaining the conditions and symptoms of Chiari Malformation.

I have included copies of both of these articles. Hope you enjoy them.

Upcoming Events

On Sunday, October 2nd the *Essex County Bar Association* will hold their **Annual Race Judicata 5K Fun Run/Walk** in South Mountain Reservation, South Orange, New Jersey. This race will benefit the *Stephen Toledo Pediatric Fund*. Anyone who is interested in participating can checkout my website, or call or email my Mom for more details. It is a great event and I know we will all have a great time. I hope to see you there.