



Stephen's Mission

The Toledo Kids Who Care

Thanks to all...

Once again I have much to report this month but before I tell you what we have been up to, I need to thank many important people.

Many Thanks to Migdalia Llerena, Adela Bell, The Estevez Family, Angela & Carlos Torres, to Nina, Nino and the Torres Boys, to my Grandparents Abu & Aba, to my Godmother Randy and Terry, Mr. & Mrs. Del Valle, Ester and Estela Prado, the Zadié Family, Helene Olejar, Elvira Cabesa, Christopher and Loren Ojeda, and to the Velazquez Family...**THANK YOU ALL** for always supporting us and making all that we do possible.

As always to Mimi and Pipo for all that you do and all that you care.

Fun Run/ Walk

On October 2, we participated in the Essex County Bar Association "8th Annual Race Judicata5K Fun Run/Walk". This great fundraising event was put together to benefit The Clara Maass Medical Center Pediatric Services. It is the second time that the ECBA has chosen to support us and we are very honored and grateful for their support.



The Torres Family, Mimi & Pipo, and Maria & Hector Estevez with Stephen, Stephanie & Gabriela

We would like to thank everyone that worked so hard to make this event possible, especially Hector and Maria Estevez for spreading the word and encouraging other friends to participate too. We are truly very grateful to all who attended!

For more pictures of this event please visit our website.

Belleville Block Party

The Belleville Block Party...also called "Just a Party" was held on Monday night, October 3rd on Franklin Avenue at the Drug Fair Plaza. Franklin Street was closed to all traffic between Joralemon Street and Continental Avenue and it was reported that nearly 5,000 residents showed up and participated in many fun activities.

Many local vendors participated as well as several musical groups, and the award winning Belleville High School Band. Even some of our character friends like Dora, Boats, and Batman showed up to take pictures. It was a great time for everyone.



We would like to thank all our friends from Queen of Peace School that came out and supported us. It really meant a lot to us to have you guys there. We would especially like to thank Barbara Freda, JoAnn Gingerelli, and all the staff from Valley National Bank for inviting us to take part in such a wonderful event.

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A Special Visit at University Hospital

On Friday, October 21st, we used our day off from school to pay a very memorable visit to University Hospital in Newark. Although we have been visiting the hospital for months now, this is the first time we were allowed on the pediatric floor. We would like to thank University Hospital President and CEO Darlene L. Cox, Mrs. Mary Mathis-Ford and Albert Perrella, Child Life Specialist, for allowing us to visit with the children on the Pediatric floor for the first time. This is a very special treat for us and would like to thank them for this great opportunity.



During this visit we delivered many valuable used items for the thrift shop as well as some new clothes, blankets, and many goodie bags.

We would like to thank the Velazquez Family for their very generous donation of goodie bags. It was fantastic to see the kid's faces as we



delivered these beautiful goodie bags. We had an opportunity to visit with some real cute kids. Many were very happy to see us and welcomed the gifts. Some kids were too small for goodie bags, but we were very fortunate to have many



home-made blankets lovely made by my Mimi. It was nice to see that the children's mother appreciated the home-made gifts and seemed to cherish them deeply. Mimi was very touched and glad to be able to

see their appreciation first hand.

We would also like to thank all those who donated many used items for the thrift shop. All these items are greatly appreciated and will help many needy people. We would especially like to thank Ester and Estela Prado for the beautiful blankets and baby clothes so lovely donated for the border babies.





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Halloween Fun In Clara Maass



Once again we had a great time delivering all our special Halloween bags to the children of Clara Maass Medical Center. It



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During this visit we are very proud to say that we were able to present Jane Kessler, Clara Maass Foundation Director, with a very generous check. This check will be deposited in the Stephen Toledo Pediatric Fund and used to purchase a very special gift for the Pediatric Floor in the near future.

We also delivered some beautiful books and videos donated by Helene Olejar.

Toy Drive

Dr. Robert Ruffalo from the A T.E.A.M. Approach Physical Therapy Center will be holding a food and toy drive to benefit our mission. He is asking anyone interested to drop off non-perishable food and/or new toys to his office between November 15th and December 15th located at 265 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ. These items will be distributed during the Christmas Holiday throughout our community.

We would like to thank Dr. Ruffalo for this very generous act. Thanks to him we are sure many unfortunate children will have a brighter Holiday Season this year.

Thank you so much Dr. Ruffalo!!!!