



# Stephen's Mission

## The Toledo Kids Who Care

### Happy New Year!!

It is the start of a brand new year and we have lots of dreams and hopes. I know that with the help of God and all of you it will be a wonderful new year. None of what we do would be possible without the help and generosity of all our friends and family. And as always I have all of you to thank, we would especially like to thank: Migdalia Llerena, Adela Bell, Hilda Caso, Stefenon Family, Rosabal Family, DePozo Family, Martin Family, Elbira Cabeza & Family, Helen Przeszlo, Zadie Family, Juan Rodriguez & Family, Sergio & Digna Del Valle, Edid & Berta Hernandez, Ester and Estela Prado, Helene Olejar, Velazquez Family, Milanese Family, Victoria Del Guercio, Ketay Family, Christopher & Lauren Ojeda & Family, Estevez Family, Praxedes Estevez, Torres Family, to my Grandparents Abu & Aba, and to my Godmother Randy and Terry, and as always to Mimi and Pipo...you guys are fantastic!!

### Toys for Newark

On December 22nd Gabriela and my Mom delivered the last of the toys from the Toy Drive to Mrs. Mary Mathis-Ford Director of Board of Concerned Citizens. These toys will be distributed to various needy families in the Newark Community.



We would again like to thank Dr. Ruffalo, his staff, and his wonderful family for joining our mission and providing us with the opportunity to spread so much joy during this Christmas season. None of this would have been possible without his help.

### Raphael's Life House

Three Kings Day (Día de los Reyes) is celebrated on January 6<sup>th</sup>, a Christian celebration that commemorates the Biblical story of the three kings who followed the star of Bethlehem to bring gifts to the Christ child. The Three Kings – named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar – presented the Baby Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

When my Mom told me we would not be able to make our delivery to the Raphael's Life House during the month of December, I could not think of a better day than on Three Kings Day. The gifts we delivered were not gold, frankincense, or myrrh, and we are far from the three kings, but how fitting that we chose this day.



Among the many gifts donated today were, a 20" color TV, a complete Dinnerware Set, 3 baby car seats, infant toys, baby walker, a toddler chair, infant bath tub, blankets, 3 boxes of food (collected from the food/toy drive and also donated by Ester and Estela Prado), 3 baby bedding collection lovingly hand made by my Mimi. Each set including pillows, comforter, blanket, and sheets (these sets are just like the once she made



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each one of her grandchildren when we were first born). Also donated today were several hand made sweaters so lovingly knitted by Nenita Martin.

We would like to thank everyone that made



this possible, especially Erica for welcoming us and helping us unload the car. To all of you for such generous donations. All these donations are greatly appreciated and I know they will make a big difference in these young families' lives.

We have asked the staff of The Raphael's Life House to provide us with a wish list so we may better focus on the needs of the house. We hope to post this on our website soon.

## Radio Contest Winner



On January 12 we had the privilege to attend the First Annual WDHA Kids Who Rock

Dinner Award Banquet at the Wayne Manor, in Wayne, N.J. where we were awarded with this very meaningful award. It was a great honor to be among so many kids just like us that want to help and do good towards others. It was an amazing evening and one that we will not soon forget.

As always, please visit our website for more pictures from this magnificent event.



## Trackside

Due to overwhelming interest in the Trackside Fundraiser it has been extended until the end of this month. We are very grateful to the Fasouletos Family for organizing this event and supporting our mission. We are sure this money will help make the difference in many people's lives.