



Stephen's Mission

The Toledo Kids Who Care

Hello Everyone!!!

As you might have noticed we did not send out a September newsletter. It was not because we didn't have anything to report, it was just that we were very busy starting a new school and planning the upcoming events that we thought it might be better to combine the two months. We do apologize if it is longer than usual. Before we start telling you what we have been working on we first have to thank everyone that has made it possible. We especially want to thank, Migdalia Llerena, Adela Bell, Rutigliano Family, Mrs. Varricchio, Joe & Freda Rygiel, Hilda Caso, Carmen Lebron, Ester & Estela Prado, Caridad Masson & family, Paula Del Valle & family, Anthony Nicosia, Mr. & Mrs. Ketay, Zaide Family, Abu & Aba, Nina & Nino & the Torres Boys, and as always our Mimi & Pipo. **Thank you all!!**

In the News

October was our month in the spotlight. We were featured in the Observer and in the front pages of the Belleville Times and Belleville Post. We were greatly honored by this attention and would like to thank our neighbor and friend, Anthony Nicosia for making all of this possible. We would also like to thank Roman Uschak, David Hinrichs, and Kevin Canessa Jr. for doing such a great job on our story. Attached are copies of these articles but as always the articles are also posted in our website. We also still have a limited amount of original copies if anyone is interested in obtaining an original please contact us.

UMDNJ

Thanks to all of you, on Friday, October 6th we had the great privilege to present Mrs. Mary Mathis-Ford, chairperson of The Board of Concern Citizens in UMDNJ with



a \$500.00 check to be used to feed the needy of our community this Thanksgiving. Also



during this visit we were able to donate many baby items, such as car seats, baby toys, cloths,

safety gate, swing, and so many more items to the Board of Concern Citizens. We were also



very fortunate to be able to donate seven cases of baby bottles, pacifier, and diapers for the



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new mothers and/or Border Babies. But perhaps the most enjoyable part of this visit



was distributing stuffed animals to the children on the pediatric floor. As always we were escorted by Mr. Albert Perrella, Child Life Specialist. There is nothing we enjoy more than to see the faces of the children and

parents as they receive these toys. And no trip would be the



same without the ever famous card tricks performed by Stephen.



(For more picture of this visit please visit our webpage).

Halloween in Clara Maass

Halloween just would not be the same if we did not start off our evening celebration at Clara Maass Medical Center. Dressed in our customs we gave out some Halloween goodies to the children on the Pediatrics Floor.



Then we visited the Emergency room to provide them with 41 stuffed animals and 23 additional bike helmets. We are



very happy to report that due to the success of the bike helmet drive this summer we have decided to make this an ongoing project.

If anyone is still interested in donating a bike helmet please contact us.



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Up Coming Events

Locks of Love: We have moved back our Locks of Love project to the end of November. If any one is still interested in donating 10 or more inches of hair, please contact Stephanie via email at stephensmission@comcast.net or mail her at the address below.

Christmas Toy Drive: We are now starting to collect new toys to be distributed to various hospitals and shelters throughout our community during the Christmas holiday. If anyone is interested in contributing a toy to our drive please contact us at the address below. Please help us make this a great Christmas Season for everyone.

Needed items: We have recently been asked to include a section in our newsletter indicating items needed for our mission. So due to popular demand we have included this section. If you are looking for a way to help even one of these items would be greatly appreciated. We are always in great need of items for our goodie bags such as small boxes of crayons, coloring books, and small toys to put in goodie bags. We also always need children socks (any size), teddy bears and books. We continue to need new infant car seats and bike helmets (any size) for our on-going drive.