

# The Toledo Kids Who Care

## Stephen's Mission

Spring 2008

### Many Thanks

As always we would like to thank all of you for your continuous support and help with all our projects. We know that we would not be able to do all that we do without you. There are just no words to describe our gratitude. From the bottom of our hearts... Thanks you!!!! We hope you enjoy this spring newsletter and like what we have been able to accomplish.

### Hope House

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we are very happy to announce that we have joined forces with **Hope House**, a Catholic Charities Agency located in Dover, New Jersey. They have recently started a food pantry providing their clients with non-perishable foods, grocery store items, personal hygiene products and nutritional supplements. With the help of all of you, we have been able to provide them with a 12 piece Circulon Pot set, \$200 gift cards from Shop Rite, as well as all the groceries seen below. We know that many of the Hope House clients will benefit from this donation. We will continue to work very closely with the staff of Hope House and we know that with your support we will continue to provide them with the help they did to reach so many needy people. Keep posted for upcoming projects.



### Morris County's Office of Temporary Assistance

We have also joined forces with Morris County's Office of Temporary Assistance. This Easter Season we were able to donate 12 beautiful baskets that will benefit a few of the needy families in our community. We would especially like to thank the Torres Family, the Lopez Family and Mimi for helping us make these baskets not only possible but so special.



### The Knitting Club

We are very proud to announce that Gabriela has joined the knitting club. And together with Mimi, Nenita Martin, and Pura Garcia we were able to donate 12 baby blankets, booties, baby hats and other baby items to both the Hope House and to Morris County's Office of Temporary Assistance.

We know that all their hard work will pay off when they warm the hearts of many needy babies.



## Helping the animals

Much like St. Francis of Assai, who helped God's creators, Gabriela too shares this passion for animals. She has recently donated dog and cat food to the Randolph Animal pound and hopes to continue to help in the months to come. If anyone is interested in helping her with this project please contact us.



## Stephanie Continues to Give the Gift of Sight

In the spring of 2007, exactly one year ago, Stephanie introduced a new project that, at the time, was intended to be a short-term project. She had learned that *Pearle Vision* collects used prescription eyeglasses and sends them to *New Eyes for the Needy*, where they are recycled and distributed to charities, medical missions and hospitals in more than 30 countries including the U.S. She set out to help and asked all of you to join her. Her goal last year was to collect and donate one hundred used glasses by the end of the summer. The project did so well that we decided to make it one of our ongoing projects. We are very proud to report that she has exceeded all her expectations and as of today has donated a grand total of **365** used prescription eyeglasses to this very worthy cause. Stephanie has worked very hard on this project, but she would like to thank some very important people that helped her get this far. A special thanks to Ms. Mary Runne, Assistance

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Store Manager of ShopRite in Succasunna, N.J., Father Dave of St. Matthew the Apostle Church in Randolph, N.J., our grandparents Anthony and Julia Toledo and a very, very special thanks to Mr. Cristobal Sotolongo.



## Upcoming Projects

We will continue to collect used prescription eyeglasses for Pearl Vision. If anyone has used prescription glasses that are no longer being used please forward them to us.

We will also continue to knit for the needy children in our area. If anyone is interested in knitting a baby item, please contact us.

And as always any donation is highly appreciated. We thank you all in advance for any help you might be able to provide.

The Hope House has asked us to help with a very special project of making Duduza (comfort) Dolls for the children in Uganda. If anyone is



interested in making these very special dolls, please contact us for the pattern or visit our website.

**Please note that unfortunately we will no longer be in need of any used items.**

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