

The Toledo Kids Who Care

Stephen's Mission

Fall/Winter 2007-2008

Many Changes

The end of this year has brought many changes for us personally as well as for our foundation. We would like to point out just a few pertaining to our foundation. With the increasing involvement of ALL the Toledo kids we thought it was most fitting to change the name of our foundation to *THE TOLEDO KIDS WHO CARE*. The other major change is our address and email. Please note that if you would like to reach us, our website will remain the same but our new address and email has changed to the following

THE TOLEDO KIDS WHO CARE
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As always we would not be able to start a newsletter without thanking all of you first. We know that we would not be able to do all that we do without the continuous help and support from all our family and friends. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and reading about what we have been up to.

NJ State Recognition

We are extremely honored to report that we were recently recognized as Local Honorees of the *Prudential Spirit of Community Award*. This very prestigious award, presented to us in the State House in Trenton, New Jersey and sponsored by the Prudential Financial, honors kids in the middle level and high school



grades for outstanding volunteer service to their communities. You can imagine what an overwhelming feeling it was for us to receive such a recognition from our home state. We would like to thank Prudential for this honor and we share this recognition with all of you. Many Thanks!!!



Bike Helmet Donation

On September 5th we were very fortunate to be able to visit our very good friends at Clara Maass Medical Center, in Belleville, New Jersey with a donation of six bicycle helmets generously donated by our Nina Randy and Terry. As in the past, these helmets will be distributed to children in the emergency room to encourage kids to wear helmets when riding their bikes or skateboards.



Giving the Gift of Sight

As many of you know Stephanie started a new project this summer. And thanks to so many of you it was a huge successful. We are very happy to report that we were able to collect over

80 pairs of prescription glasses (and still going) for *Pearle Vision* who in turn sends them to *New Eyes for the Needy*.

They are recycled and distributed to charities, medical



missions and hospitals in over more than 30 countries including the U.S. We would like to thank everyone who has helped, especially *The Belleville Public Library* and in particular Ms. Joan Taub for believing in Stephanie and in this great new project. Thanks to so many of you we were able to give many people in need the precious gift of sight. We would like to make this an ongoing project so if you have any questions regarding this project or would like to help, please contact us.

Thanksgiving Donation

We were once again able to donate \$200 to the *Board of Concerned Citizen* for the purchase of Holiday gift baskets provided in November and December to less fortunate families. In addition to this donation we also provided the group with 25 men's tie and various hand knitted baby items and outfits.



Christmas Joy

Thanks to all of you we were once again able to provide underprivileged children with a wonderful Christmas whose holiday season would otherwise be far less bright. This year we partnered with *The Office of Temporary Assistancess of Morris County*,

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who provides a variety of financial, medical and social services to needy families in the Morris County area. We were very excited to be able to deliver \$400 worth of new toys. We hope to be able to work with this agency again in the future. As always we know that this donation would not have been possible without the help of many generous people like you.



New Faces

In addition to helping all our old friends in Essex County we are very happy to announce that we will be expanding our help to agencies and the needy of Morris County.

As mentioned above we hope to continue to work with the *Office of Temporary Assistance* (more in the upcoming months) as well as working with the *Hope House*, a not-for-profit, multi-service Catholic Charities agency of the Diocese of Paterson, located in Dover, New Jersey. This agency provides many social services like general counseling, AID center, substance abuse services, prevention service and many more. In the next few months we will be working on building and maintaining the food pantry for the *Hope House* as well as continuing to collect used prescription glasses for Pearl Vision, and all new baby items for the needy. As always we will need your help. If you are interesting in helping, or have any questions please feel free to contact us.

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

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