

The Toledo Kids Who Care

Stephen's Mission

Summer/Fall 2009

A Great Start to our Summer

Our summer started out with many awards and recognitions....we want to share them all of you and as always, we could not have done it without the help and support of all of you. We hope you had a wonderful summer, look forward to the fall and enjoy reading this month's newsletter.

Random Act of Kindness Awarded to Stephanie

Stephanie must be following in Stephen's footsteps and we couldn't be happier. We are very proud to report that at the end of the school year she received the Randolph Middle School Random Act of Kindness Certificate of Recognition. This award is given to the 6th grade students that demonstrate kindness through the school year. The 6th grade class is asked to nominate a student and then 20 students with the highest nominations are selected from this group. It is a great honor to be thought of this highly by your peers. We would like to thank all the students and teachers from Randolph Middle School but in particular Mr. Clemente who founded this wonderful program and is a tireless role model for our children.



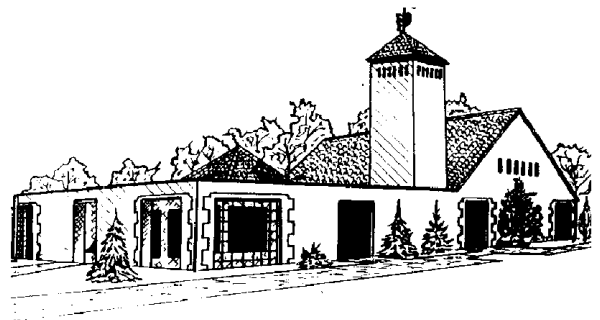
Office of Temporary Assistance Award

We would like to thank the Morris County Office of Temporary Assistance for awarding us a Certificate of Appreciation for our dedication in assisting the needy of our community. We would also like to wish Ms. Barbara Mc Laughlin a great retirement. We will miss you greatly!!!



Sharing our story with St. Matthew's COP classes

Last spring we were very honored to have been asked to share our story with the 3rd and 6th grade COP (Children of the Promise) classes of St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in Randolph, N.J. It was so much fun to talk about what we love and enjoy doing so much with the kids of our parish.



Gift of Sight

Stephanie continues to do really well with her collection of prescription glasses. This summer she was able to donate 141 pairs of glasses making it a grand total of **831** pairs donated to date. Although she was not able to meet her goal of 1,000 by the end of the summer as she had hoped, she is grateful for all those how helped and she knows that goal will soon be meet. If you or anyone you know would like to donate your used prescription glasses please contact us and help Stephanie reach her goal.



Duduza Doll for Uganda

As many of you know for the past two years, we have been trying to spread the word and to encourage many of our families and friends to make Duduza Dolls or Comfort Dolls for the underprivileged children of Uganda. We got off to a very slow start but our dreams finally came true and thanks to our Mimi and Toni Ann Rutigliano we have been able to donate



55 Duduza Dolls to *CHANGE A LIFE*, a nonprofit organization who is dedicated to improve the lives of disadvantaged and orphaned children in Uganda. They have shared these great pictures from there most recent trip. Please look at the children's beautiful smiles as they received the dolls. We would like to continue with this project but we need your help to do so. We are looking for knitting clubs, socials groups, school sewing groups or individuals that want to help us. If anyone is interested, in making Duduza Dolls please contact us or visit our website for instructions and/or for more information in both English and Spanish. We know you will not regret the opportunity to make these

children

smile.



Backpack Project

Thanks to Olinda and Esnesto Rosabal we were able to donate 6 beautiful backpacks to the Hope House in Dover, N.J. These backpacks will go to underprivileged children to help them get started on a good school year. Many thanks for helping us with this very worthwhile project.



Upcoming Events

In addition to the glasses, baby blankets and Duduza Dolls, the next big project we will be focusing on will be the Christmas Toy Drive. Please help us make this Christmas Season a special one for many needy children. Contact us if you would like to help. Deadline for this project will be the early part of December. As always, we thank you for all your help and support.