

# The Toledo Kids Who Care

Spring 2011 Newsletter

## A Few Changes

Please make note of a few changes. We would like to announce a change in our website address and email. Our new website address is [www.toledokidswhocare.org](http://www.toledokidswhocare.org) and our new email is [toledokids@optimum.net](mailto:toledokids@optimum.net). We have also done some changes to our photo gallery on our website. Please visit us at [www.toledokidswhocare.org](http://www.toledokidswhocare.org) and click on the yellow icon with the camera. You will be able to see all our recent photos as well as those from the past 9 years.



## Our New Logo

For some time now, we have been asked to come up with a logo that would represent who we are. We tried a few years ago but put it off when we could not agree. This time we asked some of our friends and family to help and we are very happy to introduce for the first time The Toledo Kids Who Care logo. Stephanie designed the logo, we all came up with the TKC, which stands for the **T**oledo **K**ids Who **C**are, and the three kids represent each one of us. In the very near future, we will be using this logo more and more. Thanks to all those who helped us.



## Easter Baskets

This year we started planning our Easter Basket project months in advance. We knew we wanted to help UMDNJ but we also wanted to help Father English Community Center and The Hope House. After making all the proper arrangements, we knew that the only way this was going to be possible was to make over 150 baskets. The most we have ever done has been 80 baskets but we were up for the challenge. We have to be honest this has been the largest and hardest project we have ever worked on. We always feel we



have special angels that help us with all our projects and this was no exception. We would like to thank all those special people that made this Easter season such a huge success. Your continued commitment is incredibly inspiring and allows us to always do our best. Your assistance means so much to us but we know it means even more to all those we help in your name. A heartfelt



thank you to The Katie Family, Juan Rodrigues & Family, Mrs. Trierweiler, The Zelly Family, Mrs. Hukins, The Randolph High School Honor Society, Mrs. Kruse-Marcus' entire 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, The Novak Family, The Cirucci Family, The Cross Family, The O'Connor Family, The Feeney Family, Ibes Stancic, The Meola Family, The Holland Family, The Torres Family, The Sosa Family, Julia & Anthony Toledo, Randy Toledo and Terry O'Reilly. A very special thank you to a few people that worked tirelessly to help us meet our goal; to Anthony Torres and Family, Nadire Beck and Rebecca Tash, Our Mimi and Marli Horwitz...Thank you for touching our hearts, and helping us accomplish our goal. With the help of all of you, we were able to not only meet our goal but to surpass it with **206** baskets.



## Easter Basket For Father English Community Center

As many of you know, we have been helping The Father English Community Center for some time now but this Easter we were very fortunate to be able to personally deliver baskets



to 150 children participating in their after school program. Delivering these baskets was the most satisfying experience of our lives. It was a humbling experience to see how genuinely appreciative these children

were. Every time we handed a basket to a child, their face would light up and we would be reminded why we are on this great mission. We have to thank Sr. Guadalupe for helping arrange such a great event. And we again have to thank all of you for your endless support to all of our projects. We know all too well that this would not be possible without all of you.



## Cards for the Soldiers

In the beginning of the school year, we had the honor of helping Mrs. Kathe Naddaff and St. Matthew's Youth Ministry Service Board with a



Christmas Stocking Service project. The stockings were filled with various necessary items and sent to a platoon of about 400 soldiers in Afghanistan. In addition to the stockings, we also collected 555 cards for soldiers who would otherwise not receive mail from home on a regular basis. We recently received some



pictures of the soldiers that benefited from this project. We are more than thrilled to be able to share them with all of you. Please notice in the



background how some of the soldiers are admiring the cards and gifts. The smiles on the soldiers'

faces are priceless and to think we were a small part of it.

## Stephanie's Glasses

During Easter break Stephanie was able to donate 62 glasses. This donation helped her donate a grand total of 1,211 pairs of glasses for the needy all around the world. This would not have been possible without all those who donated glasses and in particular everyone from St. Matthew's Parrish in Randolph, Randolph Middle School and The Mt. Freedom Post Office. She has set a new goal of 5,000 pairs of glasses before 2015. This goal is the highest she has ever set but she is positive that with the help of everyone donating, she will reach her goal!

