



Dear Oak Street School Families:

The days are growing shorter and the holiday season is rapidly approaching. This year we will again be helping needy children in New Jersey with "Holidays for Children". Each class will sponsor a child supplied to us by a local organization that serves as a clearinghouse for various social service agencies. These agencies include Chabad, Interfaith Council for the Homeless, Eric Johnson House for AIDS Children, and Macedonia. Each class will be provided with a written profile of a child and his/her holiday wish list (which includes something they want, something they need, and something educational). We are asking that **each student bring in a donation of his or her own money, from money saved in a piggy bank, earned by doing some extra chores around the house, or earned by doing a special job for family and friends.** No donation is too small; we wish to offer Oak Street children the opportunity to help someone using their own funds.

Once all donations have been collected, each class will work together to develop a shopping list based on their budget and the wish list of the child they will be sponsoring. A parent volunteer from the class will then purchase the items on the shopping list, and the class will wrap the gifts in early December.

Please send your child's donation to school in an envelope marked "Holidays for Children" by November 18th. If you are willing to volunteer to shop for the items or help the class wrap, please contact your classroom parent.

Thank you for your support of the project. If your family is interested in sponsoring a child during this holiday season, you may call Christine Ziegler at (908) 696-8855. There are many other needy children on their waiting list.

The Character Ed Committee