

Milestones TO THE MOON

December 2010

Reach for the Moon Foundation...
a "basic needs" foundation for children

Dear Reach for the Moon Supporters,

Through this downturn in our economy, many of the most "basic needs" are more difficult for struggling families to obtain. Over the past year, Reach for the Moon Foundation has provided assistance to many local children in need of food, clothing, shelter assistance and medical and dental care. As we approach a New Year, our goal is to reach more children and families. Each day we receive many requests from families in crisis and hope to assist them with their most basic needs. Through your generosity and support, Reach for the Moon continues to raise funds to provide for children in need.

This holiday season will be our thirteenth season of the Holiday Giving Program. Please consider sponsoring a child or family this year or join us for *Wrap Night* on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at the Faith Baptist Church of Mill Creek in Batavia.

Our Annual *Nite at the Races* will be on March 12, 2011 at Eagle Brook Country Club in Geneva. We hope that many of you will join us for a fun-filled evening to help raise money for children in need in our communities. Bring friends and make it a night out of helping others.

As winter approaches, many children living in our communities are without warm winter clothes, coats, heat, food, beds and shelter. As you create your gift list this holiday season, please consider making a donation to Reach for the Moon Foundation. May each and every one of you have a joyous holiday season and a New Year filled with peace, love and happiness.

Sincerely, Shelley Bruss, LSW, President, Reach for the Moon Foundation

Life is an echo -- what you send out comes back.
— Unknown

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We Are in Search of Elves!

Come to the North Pole for an evening of sorting, wrapping and the true meaning of the Holiday Season!

Reach for the Moon's Annual Wrap Night
On Tuesday December 7, 2010
5:00pm - 7:30pm - Open House

Faith Baptist of Mill Creek
01S455 S. Mill Creek Drive, Geneva, IL 60134

Refreshments will be served! Bring a friend!

HELP SPONSOR A CHILD

Each year we help over 450 children feel the spirit of the holiday season. Through your generous support we ask you to purchase a shoe box filled with want/need items for children in need. Since the children we assist are in need of items that are larger than a shoe box can hold, we ask that each child's shoe box also include a \$25.00 gift card to Wal-Mart or Target. If you are interested in sponsoring a child this holiday season please contact the foundation at 630-906-6815.

2010 Holiday Wish List

Winter Coats, Hats, Mittens, New Socks & Underwear,
Personal Hygiene Items, Blankets, Books
\$25.00 Gift Cards to Target, Wal-Mart, Kohl's, Jewel



8 Horse Races
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ON SATURDAY
MARCH 12, 2011

Eagle Brook Country Club
Geneva, IL

Gates Open at 6:30 p.m.
Races Start at 7:00 p.m.

Pool your friends, neighbors, and family together now, and join us for a night of horse races, dinner and dancing! It is a great night out and a great way to pay it forward to the children in need right here in our community.

Also consider purchasing a horse this year. It is a great way to advertise your business or just a fun way to rally together with friends and family. Your horse's name and sponsor name will be published in the program used on race night.

Look for your invitation and horse ownership information in your mail in early February. If you are interested in donating to the silent auction, raffle or prizes please contact the foundation at 630-906-6815.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

A Special Thank You to the Individuals and Families who Helped us Meet our Milestones.

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Target, Batavia
Target, North Aurora
The Little Owl
Restaurant
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A "Basic Needs" Foundation for Children

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WRAP NIGHT:

Tuesday, December 7, 2010 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

NITE AT THE RACES:

Saturday, March 12, 2011 6:30 p.m.

Watch your mail in early February for your invitation.

Just a few of the many we service...

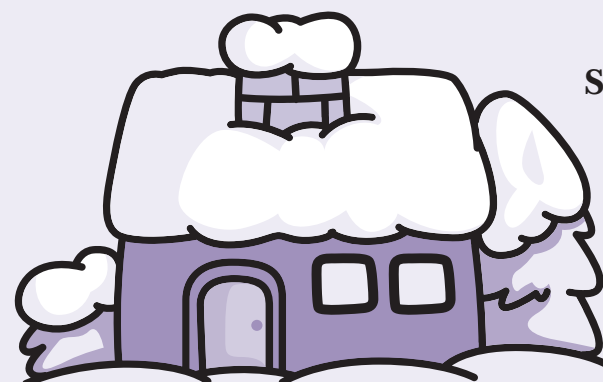
Many children we service come from single parent homes in which the parent is working. Rents and expenses are high and pay is low. It just takes something small, a missed week of work due to illness or an old car breaking down to set the family behind or risk homelessness. There is very little money left over for extras or emergencies. Literally, every dollar counts! A little assistance is sometimes all that many of the families we service need...

- ★ **Reach provided furniture...**for a single homeless mother with three children who needed furnishings for a new apartment.
- ★ **Reach provided mattresses, beds and blankets....**to many children who were sleeping on the floor or couch.
- ★ **Reach helped with a security deposit...**for a woman in an abusive relationship to leave and find a new apartment in a new community.
- ★ **Reach provided over 100 coats...**for children in need to help keep them warm in the winter.
- ★ **Reach provided diapers, formula, clothing and other infant items...**to babies in need.
- ★ **Reach provided rental assistance...**to a single mother with three children after the loss of her job. A little assistance helped while she was able to secure another job.
- ★ **Reach provided food...**to a family who lost their teenage daughter in a car accident. Both parents were financially behind after taking off time from work.
- ★ **Reach provided over 150 school children with school supplies and backpacks...** for the start of a new school year.
- ★ **Reach provided clothing and blankets...**for a single mother with 2 children who had lost their belongings to a flood in their apartment.

Mission Statement

Reach for the Moon Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 Not-For-Profit Organization dedicated to providing the "basic needs" for children. It is our belief that children deserve to have their most basic needs met in order for them to learn and become healthy productive adults.

The foundation receives and encourages gifts from individuals, businesses, organizations and other foundations in order to work towards providing basic needs to many children.



Shelter Assistance was provided to over 185 children this past year!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Alice Gustafson School in Batavia for donating backpacks stuffed with school supplies!

All About You Dental, Dr. Stephen Lavrisa, Geneva for supporting our Holiday Giving Program!

Batavia High School Dance Team for donating funds!

Batavia Mother's Club Foundation for donating funds!

Bruss Landscaping for donating "Nite at the Races" Invitations!

Coldwell Banker Primus in Geneva for supporting our Holiday Giving Program!

Delta Kappa Gamma, BataChapter for providing gloves, hats & scarves!

Dignity U Wear program in conjunction with Stein Mart in St. Charles for donating new clothing items!!

Dr. Fee's Office in Geneva for supporting our Holiday Giving Program!

Early Childhood Center in Batavia for providing mittens & hats!

Edgewater Singles Club for providing toys at Holiday time!

Faith Baptist Church Mill Creek "Back to School Items" & hygiene items for children in need!

Faith Baptist Church Mill Creek for supplying a place to wrap and our volunteers with wonderful meal at our Wrap Night!!

Fox Valley Retired Teachers for donating!

Grace McWayne Kindergarten Classes of 2009-10 for donating winter items!

Holy Cross Catholic School Student Service Club for making blankets!

Jewel Food Stores for participating in Shop N Share Programs!

Junior League of Kane & DuPage Counties for providing "sleep tight bags"!

Marianne Crane for knitting hundreds of hats this winter to help children in need!

MidWay Packaging for supplying us with gift wrap, boxes & bags for Holiday Giving Program!

Music by Design in Geneva for donating your DJ and MC services to our 2010 Nite at the Races! You did a fantastic job at the event!!

North Aurora Mother's Club for donating funds!

Pack 302 at Fearn Elementary School for providing misc. basic need items!

Private Donor for supplying wonderful brand new coats for winter!

Rotary Club of Batavia for donating funds for winter coats and winter clothing!

St. Charles Kiwanis Golden K for donating funds!

St. Charles Mother's Club for donating funds!

St. Francis High School in Wheaton & Volleyball team for collecting new toys for our Holiday Giving Program!

The Room Place for donation new furniture for families in need!

Tri-Cities Mothers of Twins & Triplets for donating funds and goods!

West Chicago School District #33 for supplying books for children in need!

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