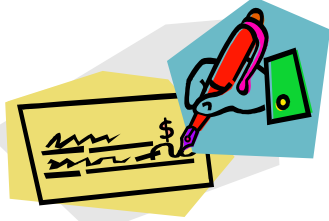




THE HEART STUFF



CHECK IT OUT! CARING FOR KIDS HAS ITS OWN WHEELS!

Caring for Kids donations directly helps a child in need

Not too many charities can boast the percentage of donations that goes to help kids like Caring for Kids does. As always, no stipends, mileage, or meals are paid to any individual for their volunteer time.

For period last year (9/1/07 thru 6/2/08) : \$257.09 Balance Fwd:

INCOME

- \$ 260 Angels
- 125 Adopt a Kid/Shoe
- 350 Christ Lutheran
- 221 United Methodist
- 19,840 Business & individual
- 4913 City of Lakewood Grant
- 1000 Windermere Foundation
- 17,581 Oct. auction/Mar. Dance/auct
- 332 Penny Drive
- 2603 Ramcards/Ram Night
- 2050 Univ of WA Tacoma
- 10,000 Russell Foundation grant
- 217 Balloon & pins proceeds
- 2881 United Way
- 2132 Poinsettias
- 1921 Tulips
- 5107 Exchange Club
- 18,700 Van Motor Vehicle donation

TOTAL INCOME \$90,233

See expenses →

Current Balance = \$3189.09



— by jo benedetti

Caring for Kids has a 2008 Ford E-150 van so Diane can do all her business of helping our kids in need. This brand new van was made possible through the donations of **Lakewood Rotary, Helen Vogt & John Vogt Foundation, Lakewood First Lions, John & Shirley Verderico, and David & Barbara Reames and of course, Scarff Ford Motors**, who sold the van at a very decent price. What is also cool is the wonderful advertising on the side.

Now EVERYONE in the area will know about Caring for Kids! ☺

EXPENSES

- \$19,333 Clothing Bank
- 71 Growing up is Fun
- 34,180 Holiday Fair 2007&2008
- 9,854 Ready to Learn 2007&2008
- 2628 School Supply Bank
- 2295 Supplies & Misc
- 1600 Read Across America
- 17,340 Van Motor Vehicle exp.

TOTAL EXPENSES \$87,301

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR *READY TO LEARN FAIR* — SAT., AUGUST 16TH AT LOCHBURN

We need volunteers to work a 2 hour shift (or longer) to help set up Friday afternoon (after 2 pm) or Saturday, anytime between 8 am and 3 pm. We also need people with trucks who can help us Friday afternoon to pick up items from the storage unit to deliver to Lochburn. Email Diane at carekids@comcast.net if you have a truck and can do this.

We need donations of brand new school supplies. For the Ready Fair you may drop items off at the Soundview Office (or at the Caring for Kids Booth at the CPSD Student Service Center) no later than Thursday, Aug. 14.

New Address for Soundview!

Note: If you are dropping off donations of school supplies, the Soundview Office has moved! We are located across from Little Church on the Prairie in the Lakewood Colonial Center. Checks can be made out to

Caring for Kids and mailed to Soundview at:

6132 Motor Ave SW ; #W-1
 Lakewood WA 98499 →

ESPCP Folks: Did you know that you can be paid your per diem to work the Ready to Learn Fair for Caring for Kids ?

Yes, it's true. You can actually be paid for volunteering if you work in Clover Park School District and are in the ESPCP bargaining unit.

It's a little difficult to find in the contract, but if you look on page 36 under Article IX, Section 9.1.4 in the ESPCP/CPSD Bargaining Agreement you will find **Volunteer Hours.**

A maximum of 12 hours of pay for fulltime employees, or the equivalent of two work days for those less than fulltime, can be paid to ESPCP folks each school year who volunteer, including Caring for Kids events.

After volunteering, you will need to get a representative from Caring for Kids to sign something for you to turn in so that you can be paid.

So, if you haven't used your volunteer hours yet for the year, please come to help us out this August at the Ready to Learn Fair:

Where: Lochburn MS

Time: Anytime after 2:00 pm on Friday, Aug. 15 to help set up and/or anytime between 8:00 am—3:00 pm on Saturday, Aug. 16.

CARING FOR KIDS CARES FOR KIDS ALL YEAR LONG & WE NEED YOUR HELP!

— JO BENEDETTI



Like a lot of charities, Diane Formoso's Caring for Kids in the beginning focused on the holidays by providing kids new toys and clothing. A few years later she decided to add a second huge

event: The Ready to Learn Fair happens in August each year so that kids will have the school supplies and clothing needed to start the school year.

In addition to continuously working on those events, The Clothing Bank and Food Bank have been running all year long for quite awhile now. As you can imagine, it's difficult to keep both banks stocked in order to fill the needs of our families who are being hit hard by this ever worsening economy.

That is why we need your help: We could really use some donations of canned food items and clean clothing. (When donating, please think

about food items that children like and clothes that children would wear. In other words, no lima beans or Grandma's sweater that she no longer wants. ☺) Foods like canned soups, chili, ravioli, etc. are especially good.

Items can be dropped off at the Caring for Kids booth in the main lobby of the Student Service Center (next door to Clover Park HS) at 10903 Gravelly Lake Drive SW.

And of course, MONEY is good! Please make checks out to Caring for Kids & mail to Soundview. (See new address on the front.) CP Folks may use the courier—please mark it "Soundview".

Mark your calendars early! - Next year's fundraising event for Caring for Kids will be earlier in the year—an auction on Feb. 21, 2009 at the CPVTI! (Details will follow when the school year starts.)