



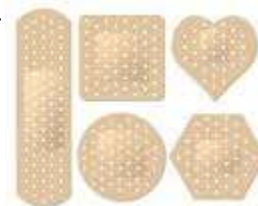
Montessori Day School

Fall 2011 Community Outreach Opportunities

With the holidays approaching, we wanted to let you know about several community outreach opportunities that we have coming up. Please feel free to help with any that you can and know that your help is greatly appreciated!

November 7th – December 23rd : Band-aid & Pencil Drive *benefiting Change for Hope*

Change for Hope is an organization started by Pam Smith in 2005 to help the children of Nepal. In the past six years she has helped change the live of more than 50 children through contributions from individuals and companies by providing, clothing, shoes, generators, new sheets, blankets and much more. Due to the high cost of shipping items to Nepal, we here at MDS are targeting band-aids & pencils for our school donation to Change for Hope. Even something as simple as band-aids and pencils are hard to come by for these children, but Pam can fit hundreds in one suitcase to distribute tho the local children homes. Money donations will also be accepted during our drive.



November 14th - 18th : Canned Food Drive

benefiting Stand Up for Kids



Feeding the Community

MDS will be collecting canned food and other non-perishable items to help benefit Stand Up for Kids. This is a national organization that helps street kids 21 and younger by providing food, blankets, water and more. All donations will benefit our local Phoenix chapter of Stand Up for Kids who not only distribute food out on the streets to these kids, but have a house that they open up for them on Saturdays to come eat, take a hot shower, wash clothes & blankets or just have a warm, dry place to stay for a short while.

December 12th -16th : Unwrapped Present Drive

benefiting Child Crisis Center

The Child Crisis Center helps children newborn through 11 who are getting away from a tough situation. The children stay at the shelter for a few days to a couple months. The staff and volunteers create an atmosphere of security, acceptance and encouragement where children can heal from trauma, build their self esteem, and have the positive experiences of childhood. We would like to help provide some of those “positive childhood experiences” by donating unwrapped toys for these children to receive during the holidays. Please be sure the gifts you bring are new and in their original packaging. CCC asks that **NO stuffed animals** be donated.

