

WANTED:

Care and Share Co-Chair for the 2008-09 School Year

Stratford Landing Needs a Co-Chair to "learn the ropes" of this very rewarding, volunteer opportunity!

The PTA looking for a Co-Chair (or two) to work with Debra Shulle this year. The goal is to get a new chairman ready to take over as Care and Share Committee Chairman in the coming years. The Care and Share Committee provides assistance to families in our school community in the following ways:

CARE and SHARE PROGRAMS AND NON-EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE INCLUDES:

- August/September- Provide School Supplies for 30 - 35 children each year
- Holiday gift drive for 120 - 150 children each year, and grocery gift cards for 30 - 40 families each holiday season
- Late October until Thanksgiving- Provide thanksgiving food baskets for 30 - 35 families each year
- All year long-Music equipment rental for 8 - 15 students/year
- All year-Provide Field trip expenses for 15 - 30 students/year
- All year-Provide scholarships for after school activities or summer programs for 20 - 30 students/year

EMERGENCY TYPE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE (ongoing):

- Support families who suffer the loss of a parent who is often the primary breadwinner for the family.
- Help families or foster parent who "absorb" children as a result of a loss or placement by child services
- Assist families in our school community who find themselves homeless. During the past three years we have provided
 - emergency grocery store gift cards,
 - clothing for the children,
 - metro/bus passes so the parent could get to work, and
 - household items to help them through this difficult time.
- Every year there are a number of children who do not have appropriate clothing or shoes for school.

If you can contribute time and effort during the year (with additional time required during the holidays), have great organizational and leadership skills and enjoy working with all types of people this opportunity will change your life!

Please call me if you are interested - Debra Schulle-Hess
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