



**STUFF  
THE  
STOCKING**



**Season  
of  
Hope**

**Project Toys 4 Teens**

Fall 2018

Dear Colleague,

Families in need in Sussex and Northern Warren Counties have hope for the future when they know that someone cares. The past participation of area schools in the Season of Hope Toy Drive and Toy Shop has brought hope to thousands of families in our community. It is in this generous spirit of giving that we again ask your support in enlisting schools to participate for this year's Toy Drive.

Schools in your district are invited to participate in a special program: **Stuff the Stocking**. A festively-decorated school bus will arrive at participating schools to pick-up the gift items during the **week of December 11-14**. The school that collects the most toys will be awarded the special Stuff the Stocking trophy that is rotated from year-to-year to the winning school. Additionally, a monetary donation to the student activity fund will be awarded to the schools finishing in first (\$250), second (\$150), and third (\$100) places. Students are asked to donate new, unwrapped gifts. Donations are made available to verified residents of Sussex or Northern Warren County through the Season of Hope Toy Shop located at Project Self-Sufficiency.

This year we are pleased to continue **Project Toys 4 Teens**, a special initiative developed by Girl Scout Ruby Esposito, in conjunction with Season of Hope. Her project focuses on collecting gifts for teens and preteens, for which there is a particular need. We anticipate that many of your middle and high school students will wish to donate items for children their own age. Items for preteens and teens will be included in the overall count for the Stuff the Stocking competition, so we look forward to enthusiastic participation.

*Schools are asked to indicate their interest in participating by identifying Stuff the Stocking coordinators to act as contact persons for each school. Project Self-Sufficiency staff will contact you shortly to get the names of the coordinators.*

If schools have any questions they are asked to call Project Self-Sufficiency at (973) 940-3500. The Season of Hope Toy Shop gives hope to families in need and would not exist without the generosity of our local schools.

With best wishes for a joyous holiday season,

  
Deborah Berry-Toon, MSW  
Executive Director

*Bringing Holiday Toys and Joy to Sussex & Northern Warren County Children in Need*



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Area elementary, middle and high school students  
are challenged to a

*competition for a cause!*



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We're collecting donations of *new, unwrapped* gifts for children of all ages to be distributed to low income families in our community through the **Season of Hope Toy Shop**.

**The competition will take place from November 1 through December 7.**

A festive school bus will visit schools during the week of **December 10—14** to pick up donations. After our elves tally the donations from each school district ...

- ★ The winning district will take possession of the **Stuff the Stocking trophy** and receive a **\$250 contribution** to a student activity fund!
- ★ Schools finishing in **second** and **third** place will receive **\$150** and **\$100** contributions!

### Project Toys **4** Teens

*Project Toys 4 Teens is an initiative Girl Scout Ruby Esposito started in partnership with Season of Hope, due to a particular need for gifts for older children. All contributions of teen and preteen items will be included in the overall count for the Stuff the Stocking competition!*

For more information go to **[www.projectsufficiency.org](http://www.projectsufficiency.org)** or call **(973) 940-3500**.

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