



STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

SCHOOL: Parsippany Hills High School

ACTIVITY: Battered Women's Shelter Toy Drive

DATE(S): November 19th- December 14th

CATEGORY: Community Service

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PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THIS PROJECT:

At Parsippany Hills our Toy Drive is always a success. The Toy Drive is an event where the whole school including faculty members is asked to bring in new or unopened toys in decent condition to donate to the Battered Women's Shelter. These toys cannot be wrapped as well. The executive board members place boxes inside each homeroom as well as in the main office. The students and faculty members are to put any toys they bring in, in these boxes. These toys are then donated to the Battered Women's Shelter. The homeroom that collects the most toys by the end of the event will receive a bagel breakfast.

DESCRIBE THE PLANNING & EXECUTION OF THIS PROJECT:

A great deal of planning is put into this event in order for it to run smoothly. About a month before the start of the event, members of the executive board call the Battered Women's Shelter to make sure it is okay for us to donate the toys to them. Next, we begin the advertising process by putting flyers up around the school, and by making announcements about the Toy Drive. Also, notices are sent out to homeroom teachers so they can tell their students about the event as well. Members of the Student Council then get boxes to put into the homerooms for the toys. On the last day of the event, executive members go around to the homerooms to collect the toys and then organize them for the delivery to the shelter. Lastly, we call to confirm when we are able to drop off the toys at the shelter and when we find a time good for them we drop off the toys.

DESCRIBE THE BENEFIT OF THIS PROJECT BENEFIT TO SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY:

The Toy Drive gives our school a sense of unity. Both students and faculty come together to gather toys for an excellent cause. All of the toys that we donate to the Battered Women's Shelter go to single mothers so that their children, who otherwise would not be able to receive presents, can. Therefore, this event not only benefits our school, but also the community. Also, members of the Student Council have an opportunity to earn points when they donate toys. These points can help them to go to Six Flags for our spring conference.

EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PROJECT, REFLECTING ON ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES YOU MIGHT CONSIDER:

Overall, the Toy Drive is very affective because we were able to raise well over five hundred toys for the shelter. This is an amazing turnout for any event that we run throughout the year. Not only was our board extremely satisfied with the results of the event, but the Battered Women's Shelter was thrilled with how many toys they received. Though some things throughout the event, such as more collection days and larger boxes for the homerooms could be approved upon, but in general the event was a roaring success.