


# *Holiday Spirit*



October 7, 2011

Dear Friends of the Kaneland Area,

As Halloween decorations sprout up across our neighborhoods, we are busy preparing for the 2011 *Holiday Spirit* campaign! Unfortunately many local families continue to live in economic crisis, so we anticipate the need to be as great, if not greater, than last year. Please consider partnering with us to help meet that need.

*Holiday Spirit* is a joint effort of the local school district, service and professional organizations, churches, social service agencies, and Conley Outreach/West Town Human Services. For over 10 years we have come together to ensure that Kaneland area families who are in need are assisted during the holidays. Last year, *Holiday Spirit* was able to “spread cheer” among **63 families**, including **141 children**. Each family also received gasoline gift cards and many received prepared holiday meals. All of this was made possible through generous donations from our wonderful community members and businesses.

There are two different ways to assist the *Holiday Spirit* program: 1) make a **monetary donation** (payable to Holiday Spirit) that will be used to purchase gifts for families, or 2) commit to **anonymously sponsor** a family.

We know money continues to be tight for everyone this year, including our sponsors. We are especially grateful, now more than ever, for your support. If you or your company/organization would like to assist *Holiday Spirit*, please fill out and return the enclosed form today notifying us of your commitment by **November 1, 2011**. If you have any questions, contact either Nicole Pryor, social worker at Kaneland John Shields Elementary School, at [nicole.pryor@kaneland.org](mailto:nicole.pryor@kaneland.org) or 630/466-8500 ext. 108 or Carol Alfrey (West Towns Coordinator) at [calfrey@att.net](mailto:calfrey@att.net) or 630/466-5236.

Happy Autumn,

The Holiday Spirit Committee

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