

# KIDS HELPING KIDS!

We are Community Action Agency of Delaware County and we're looking for schools with which to partner in our new "Kids Helping Kids" program.

Community Action is Delaware County's designated Anti-Poverty Agency. We are a nonprofit corporation that has been helping low-income families reach self-sufficiency since 1979. We provide a variety of services to needy families to help them improve their lives, reach self-sufficiency, and live with dignity. Each year we help over 7,500 residents through our various programs including: Childcare, Welfare-to-Work Programs, Rent and Utility Assistance, Youth Programs, Home Weatherization, Emergency Shelter, and Home Ownership programs, and furnishings from our Donations Warehouse.

Kids Helping Kids is an easy and exciting way to teach children and teens about important social issues such as homelessness and poverty, while also giving them (and their parents!) an easy way to be a part of the solution.

Kids Helping Kids is a 2-part effort: First, a speaker from CAADC will come to your school and present an age-appropriate Power Point show. Second, CAADC will provide informational flyers to send home to parents, asking them to donate small, inexpensive items from their home. Some examples include: toilet paper, paper towels, bath towels and washcloths, toothpaste and toothbrushes, etc. CAADC staff will provide collection containers to be placed at your school for one month. We will empty the containers weekly, or more if necessary. At the end of the month, we'll come back to your school to announce the total items collected.

For more information, call Debbie Lamborn at 610.891.6326 or email us at: [LambornD@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:LambornD@co.delaware.pa.us).

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*Students from Media Elementary (above), Loomis Elementary (left) and 5th grader Mark Gurenlian (right) from E T Richardson Middle School stand proudly with the many donations collected for homeless children in Delaware County.*



In our second year of partnering with area schools in the **Kids Helping Kids Program**, four local schools collected toiletries and personal goods to help relieve the burdens of homeless children living in our emergency shelters. This year we partnered with the following schools:

- Media Elementary School (2nd year)
- Aronimink Elementary School
- Loomis Elementary School
- ET Richardson Middle School.

Thanks to the efforts of these wonderful kids and their supportive parents, we collected over 500 items including backpacks and school supplies, linens, paper towels, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.