

HOW TO NURTURE A GENEROUS SPIRIT

Five-year-old Ariana Freimuth held tightly to her mother's hand as she shyly presented Executive Director, Nancy Bloom, with a bag full of presents that she collected at a recent birthday party attended by a number of her friends. Ariana wanted the presents to go to children who needed them more than she did; and who better to make sure that happens than Youth Services?

Ariana, a student at J.C.C. Apache Pre-School in Northbrook, lives with her parents, Wendy and Kyle, and three-year-old brother, Zack, in Glenview, not far from the Youth Services office. Ever since last fall the family has eagerly watched the new home for Youth Services, the McLennan Center for Youth on the PotashCorp Campus, as it grows nearer to completion day by day.

Wendy explained that she and her husband are believers in giving back to their local community.

"Our goal is to pick a worthy organization that we have some connection to and support it. That's why we chose Youth Services this year. The children love watching the new building going up; we drive by it at least twice a day. And lots of

Ariana's friends have moms who are involved with Youth Services in some fashion." That, she said, made it an easy choice for this year's philanthropic giving.

Each friend invited to Ariana's party received an invitation requesting that she bring an unwrapped new gift for a girl her own age that would be donated to Youth Services. "That way the children get to help choose a gift and get more involved in the giving themselves," said Wendy. As a matter of fact, giving seems to be contagious. One of Ariana's little friends has also been inspired to donate her next birthday gifts to charity.

What does Ariana say about all this? "I like giving," she said quite simply when asked why she gave her toys away. Then she flashed a bright smile.

Her mother describes Ariana as a very sweet girl who never makes a scene when she doesn't get her way. According to Wendy, when asked what she wanted for her birthday this year, Ariana said she didn't need anything. Even so, her family made sure she had her own personal gifts to open and keep on her special day.

Ariana's birthday donations include a Tinker Bell doll, books, a giant coloring book, and games that Youth Services will distribute to families who are not able to provide birthday and holiday gifts for their children.

The five-year-old's parents hope that this will be the start of a life-long habit of giving, not only for their daughter, but for their son as well. Though philanthropy may already be a bit of old hat for Ariana; she donated her birthday gifts to Children's Memorial Outpatient Center in Glenview last year when she was just four.



The McLennan Center for Youth on the PotashCorp Campus is Moving Towards Completion



The McLennan Center for Youth
on the PotashCorp Campus
Front Entrance

Despite the hard winter, construction of the new Youth Services' home is progressing quickly. The agency anticipates a move-in date in August of 2009.



Nancy Bloom, Executive Director, standing
in her new office



Looking into the Reception Area from
the front door



The front entrance with a view of
the Multipurpose Room

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