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Dear Hoosic Valley Students, Faculty, Staff & Parents:

December's virtue of the month is EMPATHY. Empathy is "feeling or understanding what someone else is feeling."

Compassion is "Empathy in action". We are taking action and holding our seventh annual COMPASSIONATE GIVING PROJECT from November 28th to December 16th. (High school students should wait until December 5th to start bringing donations into homeroom)

We plan to donate to these programs this year:

Unity House Domestic Violence Shelter
YWCA of the Greater Capital Region Inc.
Military Mom in Action

The first two programs are located in Troy but assist residents and families who live in all of Rensselaer County including Pittstown, Schaghticoke, Johnsonville Valley Falls and Melrose with counseling, assistance for families and food and shelter.

Military Mom in Action sends support packages to soldiers overseas and they are located in Melrose. They specifically requested Chap Stick so we are asking each grade to send that in as well.

We are asking every student in grades pre-K through 12 to bring in an item that will be donated to these programs. We will be collecting items through **December 16th**.

Please see the list on the back of this sheet and bring in at least one of the requested items to school.

- Students have been assigned items by grade level.
- Students should bring items to their homeroom and put them in the "Compassionate Giving Project" box.

If you prefer to bring in one handmade card for a child or adult who is served by one of the programs above, then please do so, or you can bring in an item **and** make a card!

Our families and our entire school community are filled with compassion so let's join together to share that compassion with others. We are hoping for **100%** participation from all students, staff and teachers this year!

Sincerely,

The Character Education Committee

Compassionate Giving Project

Requested Donations

Pre-K/ KINDERGARTEN: Kleenex / Chap stick

FIRST GRADE: shampoo / conditioner / Chap stick

SECOND GRADE: hand towels / wash cloths / Chap stick

THIRD GRADE: toothbrushes / toothpaste/ Chap stick

FOURTH GRADE: mittens / gloves / hats (adult) / Chap stick

FIFTH GRADE: baby wipes / Chap stick

SIXTH GRADE: bar soap or body wash / Chap stick

SEVENTH GRADE : hand towels / washcloths / toothbrushes / Chap stick

EIGHTH GRADE : toothpaste / deodorant / Chap stick

NINTH GRADE: slipper-socks (adult and children) / body lotion / Kleenex / Chap stick

TENTH GRADE:: scarves / mittens (children) / shampoo / Chap stick

ELEVENTH GRADE: conditioner / gloves / hats (children) Chap stick

TWELFTH GRADE: bar soap or body wash / diapers (all sizes) Chap stick

TEACHERS/STAFF :

hand towels / washcloths

diapers (all sizes)

scarves / gloves / hats (adult and children)

slipper-socks (adult and children)

Chap stick

Sweatpants / sweatshirts L, XL

Pajamas L, XL

If you prefer to bring in one handmade card for a child who is served by one of the programs below, then please do so. Or you can bring in an item **and** make a card!