Newsletter Spring 2016

# For All Seasons



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### **Upcoming Events**

March - June Summer Camp Drive

June - Oct Backpack Drive

Nov - Dec Holiday Wish List

All Year The Little Things Program

Thank you for giving me School Suplies. I really needed them or I would have been a mess



## 2015 in Review

When For All Seasons was established in 2004, we had a simple vision: to serve our local community in very real and meaningful ways. The funds we raised would go directly to the children and families who needed it most. Twelve years later, we continue to be a critical resource for our neighbors in need. We are able to enrich their children's lives, ease parental stress, and let them know we care.

Thanks to your commitment and generous support in 2015, For All Seasons continues to play a vital role in the lives of those we serve. We are truly making a difference.

With gratitude,

The For All Seasons Committee Pam Bringsjord, Jean Glassman, Magy Heyob, Heather McVeigh, Timi Mohanty, Anne Murnane, Jean Orr, Shelly Poulton, Kim Schwab, and Jan Wagner

### Ossining Social Worker Gives Thanks

"I am constantly struggling to impress upon you how deeply your good deeds affect our students without sounding "platitudish" or contrived, and I always feel that I fall short of conveying the facial expressions, the incredulity and the thankfulness and joy that I get to see first hand, thanks to For All Seasons."



## Thank you to all our donors for making this year's programs so successful!

#### **Summer Camp Drive**

Providing camp scholarships for local students is one of our most important initiatives. Kids need to stay busy and have structured fun during the summer to maximize their potential. This year we sent 51 children to local camp, including a specialty music camp for a gifted student. Since 2005, we have sent over 300 children to summer camp.

"Thank you for picking me to go to summer camp. It will be my first time and I am excited to go."

### **Backpack Drive**

For the past 12 years, FAS has purchased backpacks and school supplies to help students start the year off on the right foot. This year we donated 53 backpacks filled with school supplies suited to each grade level, helping us reach a milestone of 1000 backpack donations!

"The contributions from your organization and the efforts put forth will ensure that our students come to school ready to learn."

### **Holiday Wish List**

The holidays can be magical. The Holiday Wish List drive helps local families share in that magic. This year, our donors purchased gifts for more than 90 people, giving them the same joy of the season that many others experience. To address the continued reality of hunger in their lives, we also donated food coupons to these 40 families.

"... Thank you for the doll. I really needed a new friend and it keeps me company always."

## The Little Things Program

Through our Little Things Program, FAS was able to provide the following necessities to local families in need:

Purchased small appliances for families living in affordable housing

Provided funding to an OHS senior, so she could live on campus during her freshman year of college Partially funded out-of-pocket medication costs to a student in need

Purchased clothing for a child, whose home was destroyed by fire

Provided Thanksgiving food coupons to many local families

Partially funded the purchase of a wheelchair for a student with MS



"His mom cried when I called to tell her you'd be helping." Ossining High School Social Worker