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From Our Kitchen and Helping Orphans Pursue Education

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Matching Fund Opportunity

Premiere Charities, Inc. / From Our Kitchen has received a matching grant of \$9,000 to be used in the purchase of a van that will help with the weekly Serves. This opportunity will allow for a single inventory maintained by both Team A and Team B to be stored in the van.

The businesses and individuals who pledge support for the van through oil changes, maintenance and insurance expenses will be given the opportunity to advertise their businesses on the van.

From Our Kitchen mission to Serve seasonal meals to those who are homeless or in need.

This offer from an anonymous donor expires at year's end. Please consider helping with this great opportunity for FOK. Contact Amy Pollock at apremodel@comcast.net.

From Our Kitchen notes

Sunday, April 5th, the From Our Kitchen team served a special hot meal in honor of the Easter and Passover holidays. As a non-denominational charity, we recognize that many of those we serve celebrate traditional religious holidays. Our meal on Sunday was a pasta casserole with ham or chicken, cheese, peas, and crumble topping, along with string beans and stewed tomatoes. The Applegate, Davis, and Scott families sponsored the meal in honor and remembrance of Ron Davis Jr. Ron was a faithful volunteer with From Our Kitchen and is our featured volunteer this issue.

Jimmy Duffy's Caterers prepared our meal and offered it at a discounted price. We provided Easter goodie bags for the children. Bags held Peeps, jelly beans, and other candy treats. It was a beautiful sunny day, and both our volunteers and those we served enjoyed the nice weather.

From Our Kitchen provides meals every Sunday just down the street from the Wilmington train station. Our volunteers serve a nutritious meal every Sunday, regardless of weather. There are many ways in which you can assist From Our Kitchen and Premiere Charities with our Sunday Serves: by volunteering to serve, baking desserts, donating fruit, or sponsoring the meal.

We provide hot meals in winter and sandwiches in the warmer months. This year we are looking for volunteer groups to assist with the preparation of the sandwiches. From Our Kitchen supplies the rolls and the meats/cheese. If you or someone you know might be interested in helping From Our Kitchen you can contact us via our website or by using the contact information on our newsletter. Many thanks to those who continue to volunteer and support FOK.



Announcing Premiere Charities 7th Annual 5K Run

The event will be October 10, 2015 at Ivy Gables in Ardentown. The Asian Networking Group has already volunteered to help with the event. If you are interested in volunteering, contact us at apremodel@comcast.net. Runners check our web site for registration information at <http://premierecharities.org>. Day of the event open registration will begin at 7 A.M.

H.O.P.E. Update

Support from Texas to Balagurukulam

Bin Srinidhi and Sree Devi have been supporting Balagurukulam Orphanage the last couple of years by providing milk. Sumathy and Ranjith, of the orphanage, said they have no words to express their thanks for the ability to serve milk twice a day -- in the morning before school and at night before going to bed.

Srinidhi and Devi learned about Balagurukulam through Vinny and Chetana Kripalu.

After visiting Balagurukulam during one of their trips to India, Srinidhi and Devi decided to get involved. There are many expenses to run the orphanage from the day-to-day operational expenses for milk, food, basic school supplies or clothing to capital expenditures for building and maintaining of the building and the support of basic administrative expenses. Srinidhi and Devi decided to "support the basic regular expenses for as long as we possibly can, therefore, we chose the expenses for milk."



They have continuous feedback from Balagurukulam. Ranjith and Sumathi have been writing and sending pictures of the kids, thanking them for the continuous support. Srinidhi and Devi have visited several times and are "awed by the extraordinary talent that the children have and the extraordinary effort that this couple has devoted in nurturing the diverse talents of each and every kid."

Srinidhi and Devi say they are humbled by the work that Ranjith and Sumathi have done for the children who have been abandoned. "Balagurukulam has taught us the value of compassion, the meaning of love and the greatness of human goodness to an extent that far exceeds the small contribution that we make to help the organization financially."

Volunteer Focus

Premiere Charities recognizes one of our former volunteers, Ron Davis Jr., who passed away in March 2012. As a teenager he was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, earning the highest rank of Eagle Scout. Ron Jr. was a graduate

of the Charter School of Wilmington and New York University. Anyone who knew Ron knew his love for sports and all the New York teams from the Mets to the Knicks to the Giants. Ron cheered for



them all. In addition to sports, Ron loved helping others, especially children. In high school, he volunteered at Al DuPont Children's Hospital; setting up videos for children and also reading to them. While at NYU, Ron tutored high school students in math at Martin Luther King HS in Manhattan. As an employee of BNY Mellon, Ron was extended the privilege of participating in the firm's mentorship program where he was partnered with one of the senior executives in New York. The Bank's mentorship program is offered to only a select number of employees whom the firm is grooming for leadership.

Ron Jr. joined his parents Ron Sr. and Vilma and his sister Renee serving the homeless and food-insecure of downtown Wilmington in 2009. He always brought juice for the children at the Serve and faithfully did so even on game day when his teams were playing. Ron always contributed to the betterment of others even if he had to go without. When Ron Sr. was asked why he thought Ron Jr. and his sister Renee were as committed to serving others, he said he believes it is because his family tried to teach both children at an early age about commitment. The lesson obviously stayed with them as they both have exemplified the discipline of commitment and doing tasks well. What drives the Davis family to give back to their community is their belief that they are their brothers' keepers and that they have a responsibility to those less fortunate. They contribute to a number of charities and serve their community because in many small ways they hope to make a difference in the lives of others.

Though he is gone, Ron Jr. leaves a powerful legacy for others to follow. Each day he proved that with God, goals can be accomplished, dreams can be realized, and all things are possible.