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Glen Ellyn School District 41

December, 2011

Message from Board President Erica Nelson

This is the second in a series of periodic messages from the board to our community. In this message, I'll be talking not so much about district matters, but about what we learn about the generosity of our community during this season of giving and of need.

Each December, District 41 is one of many community groups working to make sure that all families are able to look forward to holiday gifts. This year marks the seventh year that the District 41 Community Outreach Committee collected, organized and delivered gift baskets to more than 165 families, which included about 500 children. Each basket contained grocery gift cards, books, toys and more. It took scores of volunteers and hundreds of givers (staff, parents and community members) to make this happen.

It's painful to realize that every year more families fall into need, and more families are unable to pay bills or buy their children holiday gifts. But it's warming to know that so many (some of whom may be in need themselves) are willing to reach out and help.

Whether it's District 41, the Glen Ellyn Junior Woman's Club, the Glendale Heights Community Outreach, the Village Green Baptist Church, the Glen Ellyn Police "Shop with the Cops" program, the Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce, or another area organization, we can be thankful that a generous, giving spirit thrives in our community.

On behalf of the District 41 Board of Education, happy holidays!