

MEMORANDUM

October 9, 2003

TO: All Principals, K-Adult

FROM: Linda D. Brown, Ed. D., District Director
Bureau of Community and Hospitality Services

SUBJECT: **“12 MONTHS OF GIVING” SPONSORED BY THE SALVATION ARMY**

In Miami-Dade County, there are between 10,000-12,000 homeless people as well as an equally large number of individuals living at or below poverty levels. Of these, a significant number are children. Unfortunately, there are never enough supplies to go around, so many remain hungry. There is an urgent need for a continual flow of food all year round, not just during the traditional holiday season.

“12 Months of Giving” is a program designed to meet this need from the perspective of students helping students. The Salvation Army feels that by involving young people in a communitywide effort, students will see that they can make a difference. This is the eleventh year Miami-Dade County Public Schools has supported this worthwhile effort through the Dade Partners program.

Each school can choose to be responsible for a particular month in the year. In the selected month, the school organizes and sponsors a canned food drive. The drive may be schoolwide, and students can be motivated by competing among themselves or between classrooms. It is also an excellent project for one of the student clubs such as Youth Crime Watch, Student Council, school patrols, or the community school program. Each school is encouraged to participate and adapt the project to its student body by choosing the most appropriate time of the year.

Schools that elect to participate, as well as the top schools (identified by the most cans collected per student enrolled in the school) will be honored at an awards luncheon/seminar scheduled for the late spring. **If your school would like to participate, please complete the attached form and return it to The Salvation Army by Friday, November 21, 2003.** The Salvation Army following receipt of your participation form will provide detailed information on the collection of food items to your school.

Please note that if you do choose to participate, the Salvation Army is counting on your support. Following through on the project is important!! If you have any questions, please call Ms. Zoraida Ramirez at The Salvation Army at 305-637-6703 or e-mail to uss.salvationarmy.org, or Brenda Edwards in the Bureau of Community and Hospitality Services at 305-995-1215.



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Attachment

cc: Mr. Paul R. Philip
ACCESS Centers Assistant Superintendents
Ms. Brenda B. Edwards

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools
and The Salvation Army**

**“12 Months of Giving”
2003-2004**

School: _____ Mail Code: _____

Address: _____

Principal Signature: _____

Total School Enrollment: _____

The contact person for the project is:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____

With #1 being our first choice, the month of preference for our school is:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Comments or additional information:

Please respond by Friday, November 21, 2003

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