

ASI Children's Center's Fall 2007 Parent Newsletter

Here it is the beginning of October and we are thankfully settling in and getting comfortable with our new routines, classrooms, children and families. This is one of our favorite times of the year when the weather is wonderful, new enrollments are done and teachers are looking and listening to the buzz of the children's chatter and discoveries. It takes a few weeks for the groups to jell and for the teachers to assess the interests, skills, and needs of their classrooms. It is always exciting to begin to see the personalities, passions and identities of each group emerge on the walls and display shelves. We encourage you to take the time to look at and read the documentation that the staff works so hard to display throughout the year. It is their hope that

Hello parents! My name is Christine Adams and I've been working at the Children's Center since 2005. In May of this year, I joined the Wheelchair Foundation as one of the two graphic designers and a team fundraiser. I joined the Wheelchair Foundation in order to begin my senior project but also to contribute to a really great cause and a rewarding experience.

Over the next five years, the Wheelchair Foundation aims to deliver one million wheelchairs to people who cannot afford to buy one, and to further the awareness that a wheelchair is no longer an unaffordable relief option for delivery to developing countries around the world. We are also accepting donations that will go towards building wells and providing education for children in Malawi. One of my hopes, as well as Patty's, is to encourage the families, students and staff at the Children's Center to participate in this worthy cause.

To make this really easy I will be putting a donation can in each classroom and staff area so people can deposit their loose change or contribution of any amount (\$75 buys a wheelchair!). I may eventually initiate a possibly classroom fundraising competitions, a bake sale, and even bring in a wheelchair for the kids to see and try. By May 2008 my overall commitment is to raise enough funds to buy ??? wheelchairs!

So please, any help or contributions towards the cause would be most appreciated. I'm excited to see what we can raise! Thank you so much. **Right now, the Wheelchair Foundation's next event is a movie night (Ghostbusters) taking place at the Fremont theatre (1025 Monterey), Thursday, October 18th at 7:30. The cost is \$5 and all proceeds go toward The Wheelchair Foundation. You can buy tickets at the Center's front desk!**