

Amazing 2012 TE Gift Even Surprised Givers

An organization founded and dedicated to giving to TE Families outdoes itself in 2012.

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T & E Care is an organization founded and dedicated to helping children and families who need an extra hand during (often) unexpected tough times in Tredyffrin and Easttown.

The charity works with the Tredyffrin Easttown School District and other organizations within the greater community to identify and meet the needs of local families who may have fallen on hard times as a result of sudden employment or other events like divorce or death of a primary income earner.

Back-to-school supply and holiday gift drives, as well as meeting individual needs identified by school counselors or community members are among the ways founder Sandi Gorman and a growing army of volunteers quietly help those in need throughout the year.

In April T&E Care did something new to help meet the skyrocketing needs brought on by the tough economy. The outpouring of community support as well as the need in the community surprised even Sandi.

Hundreds of kids were able to get new tops, pants, dresses and shoes thanks to thousands of donations given to support T & E Care's first ever Kids' Grab Bag Clothing sales.

Table after table of gently used clothes were available for shoppers in April at Saint Matthews United Methodist Church of Valley Forge. Sandi Gorman is T&E Care's Founder and the driving force behind the clothing drive and sale which offered local families the chance to stuff bags full of donated clothes for just \$5.

The price allowed local parents struggling in a bad economy to get often top quality and even unworm clothes for their kids. The money raised from the sale was put back into T&E to help more families in need.

In extraordinary economic times Gorman, all the members of the T&E Care board and the hundreds of volunteers and donors are giving Tredyffrin and Easttown families more than just material and financial support. Every donor, and every volunteer are giving hope and dignity to families who are often in unexpected need and/or crisis.

It is an extraordinary TE gift, not only for 2012, but for every year.