

# JLD PTO

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## CareShare Update - THANK YOU!



Dear Dennis Dolphin Families,

We had a truly amazing response to our CareShare efforts this year! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the time and energy spent on picking out presents AND for the generosity in donating funds to help make sure these children-in-need had gifts for Christmas morning. All of the children our school adopted have been taken care of and provided for (at or above the \$75 per child guideline given)! *Every child* received a combination of toys, clothes, a winter hat & gloves, plus items on their wish list - **all because of you!!**

I'm confident saying that this was the best turn-out in CareShare donations we've had in recent years! We had more gifts collected than usual and the money collected helped us round out everything needed plus some. Money remaining from funds donated for CareShare this year will be used to help other children and families in need from our school and/or district (through our counselor, Mrs. Derryberry, and/or by being carried over to the CareShare fund for next year.) This program never ceases to humble me and warm my heart to it's core. It reminds me of how blessed I am to be a part of the truly awesome community we have here at James L. Dennis Elementary. Please know - you didn't just provide tangible gifts to these families, but also the gift of HOPE during a time when they needed it most.

**Thank you Dennis Dolphins for all you do and all you give.**

**In this most magical of seasons, may the spirit of love and gratitude fill your hearts and homes. I hope you know, without a doubt, that YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**Happy Holidays!!**

A special note of gratitude to our CareShare volunteers: Thank you to our CareShare Chair, Michelle Hudson, for organizing the efforts and being there for all the heavy lifting this year - from inventory and sorting, to shopping and making sure the collections were delivered to each child's school by the deadline! Thank you to Vicki Daparvanah, for assisting with the 5+ hour stint in sorting, de-tagging, taking inventory - and then donating more time with the CareShare shopping! Thank you to Mrs. Vanosdol for helping us sort and for always being game to lend a hand! An extra-special Thank You to Mrs. Derryberry, for helping us collect each day and allowing us to invade her office so the donations had a safe haven during the collection process. And last but not least... Thank you to each and every teacher for sharing and caring while our school participated in this program. We appreciate you and all your help - not just for this, but for ALL you do for our children each and everyday!

With Gratitude,  
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