

BUTTERFLY GARDEN OF WISHES



The Native American Butterfly Legend:

If anyone desires a wish to come true, he or she must first catch a butterfly and whisper that wish to it. The butterfly will carry the wish to the Great Spirit to be granted.



A program coordinated by the Giving from Grafflin Committee.

Butterfly Garden of Wishes Program

Each spring, the Grafflin PTA sponsors a “Garden of Wishes” charitable giving program whereby students are given the opportunity to select a special “wish” they are interested in fulfilling to support one of many different charitable organizations in our local community. This booklet describes the program in more detail and lists the many “wishes” available for selection, organized by categories of potential interest.

If you are interested in participating in the program, here are details on how it works:

- 1) Review the wishes on the following pages with your child and select one (or more) of interest to him/her.
- 2) To “register” your selected wish, you can either:
 - a. Come with your child to the Garden of Wishes table in the Grafflin lobby **before school between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21st or Wednesday, April 22nd** (the days of the Grafflin Book Fair and Bagel Breakfast); or
 - b. Send an email to **GivingFromGrafflin@hotmail.com** by April 30th indicating your child’s name and the wish number(s) selected (e.g. BB-1).

There is no limit to the number of wishes you can select or to the number of children selecting any particular wish.

- 3) When you register your wish, the Giving from Grafflin Committee will provide detailed information on how to fulfill it. This detailed wish fulfillment information will be given to you in person if you register in person or will be sent to you via reply email if you register via email. The detailed fulfillment information can also be viewed online at the Grafflin PTA’s website by going to **www.chappaquapta.net** and clicking on the “Douglas G. Grafflin PTA” link and then on the “Butterfly Garden of Wishes” link.
- 4) Please fulfill your selected wish(es) no later than May 15th, 2009.
- 5) Once you have fulfilled your wish, please ask your child to cut out a butterfly from the back page of this booklet, color/decorate the front and back of it, and sign his/her name (one butterfly per wish fulfilled). Additional butterflies can be printed from the Grafflin PTA website (see item 3 above for website address).
- 6) Have your child place his/her decorated butterfly in the “Butterfly Garden of Wishes” box in the Grafflin lobby before May 15th.
- 7) Tell your child to look for his/her butterfly to appear on a special “Butterfly Tree” in the courtyard outside the cafetorium. The butterflies on the tree represent all of the wonderful wishes that Grafflin students will have made come true.

If you have any questions (or need additional butterfly templates), please feel free to contact Giving from Grafflin Committee Chair, Cathy Doppelt, at 238-0099 or CDoppelt@optonline.net.

Butterfly Garden of Wishes: Wish Descriptions

Wish

Back to Basics

- BB-1** Fourth Graders, remember your immigration project? Now it is your chance to help a new immigrant to America! Donate a pair of work gloves or white sports socks for men served by **Neighbors Link** in Mount Kisco. These items will help the men as they work to build a new life in our country.
- BB-2** It's easy to take basic school supplies for granted. When a child is diagnosed with a life threatening illness, even simple everyday tasks like shopping for school necessities can seem overwhelming. You can help a family caring for a catastrophically ill child by providing school supplies to **Friends of Karen** which will deliver them, along with whatever other assistance is needed to keep the family emotionally and financially stable through the child's medical treatment.

Bakers Delight

- BD-1** Do you love to bake? Local foster care children would love to celebrate their birthdays with homemade cupcakes or cookies baked with love and best wishes. So fire up your ovens to help **The Cottage School in Pleasantville** create a memorable day for some of its students. You can just drop off items or arrange to stay and celebrate with the kids.
- BD-2** All children love receiving baked goods as a special treat for snack. If you like to make cupcakes, cookies or other yummy treats, why not whip up a batch for children served by the **Ossining Children's Center** which provides preschool and day care services to many low-income families? They would appreciate donation of cake mixes and containers of frosting so they can enjoy baking, as well.
- BD-3** Children are not the only ones who love special treats. Our adult neighbors at the **A-HOME facility on King Street** would enjoy a tray of your homemade cookies, baked goods or a basket of healthy fruit. If you'd like, you can arrange to visit with the residents when you deliver your treats.

Calling All Animal Lovers

- CAAL-1** Make a dog or cat happy and feel good about yourself, too. Donate a leash, collar, dog or cat treats or toys, or towels to the **SPCA of Westchester** to help it care for animals waiting to be adopted by loving families.

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Comforting Kids

- CK-1** It can be very scary for a child to make an emergency trip to the hospital. You can ease the fright of a child visiting the **Emergency Room at Northern Westchester Hospital** by creating a “Smile Pack” of small items to help comfort them during their stay (e.g., a little stuffed animal, a small book, and/or a small toy that doesn’t pose a choking hazard).

The Craft Corner

- CC-1** How do you brighten the lives of children being cared for at a local rehabilitation hospital? By bringing arts and crafts materials to **Blythedale Children’s Hospital** so that the children there can create all sorts of wonderful projects.
- CC-2** Do you want to help children who have gone through hard times? Donate craft supplies (play dough, crayons, markers, glue, or children’s scissors) for children receiving play therapy at **Open Door Family Medical Centers**. Small dolls and doll houses for play therapy are also needed.

Creative Wonders

- CW-1** Can you color beautiful pictures? If so, you could really brighten the lives of children being cared for at **Blythedale Children’s Hospital**. Please color 5 pictures on large paper and bring them to Blythedale so that they can use them to decorate the children’s rooms.

Feeding the Hungry

- FTH-1** It’s important to start the day with a good breakfast, but many families cannot afford to put food on their table every day. The next time you go to the grocery store, fill a bag with non-perishable items to create a healthy breakfast for other children and bring it to the **Interfaith Food Pantry** in Mount Kisco. Items might include cereal, canned fruits, non-perishable milk (e.g., Parmalat), and/or juice. Why not also decorate a brown paper bag to contain your donation? It will bring a little extra joy when sent home with a thankful recipient of food from the Pantry.

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Gardening Enthusiasts

- GE-1** Do you have a green thumb? Put it to good use and have some fun planting flowers to help beautify the **A-HOME residential property** on King Street in Chappaqua. We'll assemble a group there after school on Friday, May 15th to plant marigolds that were grown in the Grafflin Greenhouse. If you can, bring along a 6-pack of impatiens (or other easy-to-tend flowers) to add some extra color to the landscape.

Outdoor Fun

- OF-1** Once the weather gets warm, kids love to play outside. Help the children staying at the **Northern Westchester Shelter** have some fun in the sun by donating sand toys, jump ropes, frisbees, wiffle balls with foam or plastic bats, playground balls, and/or sidewalk chalk.
- OF-2** Do you like to play sports? So do the children who go to the Children's Aid Society's **Wagon Road Camp** in Chappaqua. By donating a foam football, baseball glove, 10 inch playground ball or sports ball (for soccer, volleyball or basketball), you will help other children have a memorable, fun-filled summer.

Relax & Unwind

- RU-1** Aromatic soaps and lotions can make an ordinary bath or shower a very relaxing and uplifting experience. You can help women staying at the **Northern Westchester Shelter** feel a little bit pampered by donating regular-sized bath products (lotion, soap, and/or shampoo).



Even at a very young age, children can make a positive difference in the lives of others.