



## TRC is Back!

Abbott House will receive our first group of children who have entered the U.S. without their parents in just a few days. Imagine, the heartache their parents face in helping their children achieve a better life.

The children tell us stories about extreme poverty and hardship. I don't think any of us can truly imagine the pain of making such a decision.

For the children who do make it; they come with literally nothing but the clothes on their back, often wrong for the season, many with no shoes, and generally in poor health.

Abbott House welcomes them with loving arms, and you help us nurture them back to good health and care for them until we are able to connect them with a family resource.

It's hard to see the kids when they first arrive. They can be anywhere from newborns with teenage mothers to seventeen year olds.

To them, you are their hero. They see Americans on TV and they are so happy to be here, and grateful for everything we do for them. But we can't do it all ourselves. Below are items that are just not covered.



**We need your help raising funds for or getting these items donated: (all donated products must be NEW)**

### HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS

- Liquid Children's Tylenol
- Band-Aids
- Hot & Cold Packs
- Eczema Creams
- Severe Acne Creams (like ProActive & X)
- Foot Fungal Creams
- Wart Creams
- Anti-itch cream
- Allergy Medicines for ear, nose, throat and eyes
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hair brushes
- Hair combs
- Deodorant
- Diapers
- Blow Dryers
- Flat Irons

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Composition notebooks
- Pencils
- Electric Sharpeners
- Scissors
- Construction Paper
- Erasers
- Glue
- Colored pencils
- Colored markers
- Drawing paper
- Water color paints
- Paint brushes
- Backpacks

### CLOTHING – We need gift cards to buy new/seasonal:

- Pajamas
- Undergarments
- Light jackets and sweatshirts
- Flip flops
- Tennis shoes
- Swim suits
- Shirts
- Pants

### RECREATION

- Art supplies
- Foosball table
- Board games
- Soccer goal nets, balls, shin guards
- Basketballs
- Kickballs
- Little Tyke basketball hoops and balls
- Chalk
- Volleyball net and balls
- Badminton net, rackets, and birdies
- Tricycles
- Bikes
- Tickets to activities – movies, ice skating, sporting events, performing arts, amusement parks, etc.



Please contact [Development@abbotthouse.net](mailto:Development@abbotthouse.net) if you can be our hero by helping us get any of these items.

# It's Not Always Fun & Games! But with your help, it can be!

## A Big Thank You to Our Toy Drive Donors and Volunteers

Carrie Cohen

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"I love the amazing and awesome telescope. I enjoy it very much because I can study the sky at night and closely watch the planets orbit around the solar system. I hope you can have a great and amazing day." **Sincerely, Joshua**

**"Thank you for the building set you gave me. I enjoyed it because it lets me use my creativity and really prepares me to find out how a drill works. I hope you have a really jolly Christmas, bye now."** Thank you, Humberto

"I just want to say thank you for the knitting kit cause it was a miracle worker. I made socks and a scarf and I said all I know is that I'm going to be warm for this holiday." **Katie**

**"You made my Christmas a more beautiful and magical day. It feels like my day was a dark and rainy time but thanks to you it turn to the sunniest. To make me happy you used your money you work hard for just for me. Thanks."** Love Hugo

**Your generosity allows Abbott House staff to select just the right gift for each child. Start your toy drive today. It helps us be better organized when we can start collecting toys all summer long. Contact [development@abbotthouse.net](mailto:development@abbotthouse.net) to let us know if you would like to start a toy drive or drop toys off.**

### BEST FOR TEENS

- Gift Cards
- Makeup
- Electronics
- Headphones
- Sport Apparel (Nike, Adidas, etc.)

### BEST FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Jewelry making sets
- Arts and Craft sets
- Remote control cars and helicopters
- Soccer balls, basketballs, footballs
- Board Games

### BEST FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Building sets (cars, airplanes, etc.)
- Arts and Craft sets
- Science sets
- Board Games
- Lego's
- Dolls (dark and light skin)
- Board games
- Remote Control cars
- Soccer balls, basketball, footballs

### BEST FOR PRESCHOOL AND YOUNGER

- Blocks
- Board books
- Stuffed animals
- Big Lego sets
- Dolls (dark and light skin)

### THINGS THAT DON'T WORK

- Any kind of gun, pocket knife
- Video games that require a gaming system (i.e. Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo)
- Products that are damaged/used

# Stepping up to Make a Difference!

Meet our new Leadership Engagement Council Members!



WALTER MONTGOMERY



KAREN SCHATZEL



LAUREN WENDLE

## VOLUNTEER/ INTERNSHIPS

**Do you like arts  
and crafts?**

**Are you tech savvy?**

If you answered yes to both questions then we may have the perfect project for you.

*Shh, it's a secret though.*

We want to create photo/scrap books for our adults with developmental disabilities for Christmas this year. You will need to search our online files for photos, talk to staff to learn about their personalities, and create a beautiful photo/scrap book.

Through this super-secret project you will produce the biggest smiles ever and contribute to our vision of creating dignified and meaningful lives.

Reach out to [development@abbott-house.net](mailto:development@abbott-house.net) to learn more.

## The PURPOSE of the Leadership Engagement Council is to:

1. Help Abbott House build relationships with individuals and organizations/corporations by educating and engaging.
2. Develop and nurture a passionate community of donors who take pride in Abbott House's mission and accomplishments.
3. Help create and implement the strategic direction and recommend the resources needed to grow philanthropy to enhance Abbott House's ability to impact the lives of children and families at-risk of and in foster care and individuals with developmental disabilities.

**OUR VISION** is to have sufficient resources to be in the best position to help traumatized children and families heal and build a successful life and help individuals with developmental disabilities thrive.

Give a ring to learn more. We would love to chat with you. 914-409-0088 ask for Lauren or Kate.

## You Made Our Day!

**The White Plains Recreation Department** donated all the hockey equipment for one of our kids in foster care.

"We are so grateful for their support. It was a huge relief not to have to find the funds to pay for all the equipment and to be able to say yes to our foster son when he expressed an interest." Joyce, Foster Parent.

**Peter Herrero, owner of NY Hospitality Group** (which owns Sams of Gedney Way, Great American BBQ, Capperberry Events, among others) and **Executive Chef, Joseph Sasso**, visited Abbott House to meet two teens, Paul and Gerald, in our group homes who are interested in the culinary arts.

They shared how they got started in the business, what mentors had done for them, and gave Paul and Gerald a lot of information. It was an awesome meeting and learning experience for the teens. Peter and Joe offered them an internship that can lead to a part time job. Helping Paul and Gerald find a path to a brighter future is what it's all about. That was a good day!

**Tip:** Put a piece of bread in your mouth when you are cutting onions and open the window – and you won't tear up.



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SPRING 2017

ABBOTT HOUSE

# Matters

## 2017 Dave Wade Memorial Golf Outing

Monday, May 15, Elmwood Country Club, White Plains, NY



Join us for dinner as we honor **Teen-Works** with the Dave Wade Heart of Gold Award and give Special Recognition to Abbott House residents Brian and Billy for their outstanding voluntarism.

Teen-Works has been making a difference in the lives of the children Abbott House serves since 2010. The great thing about Teen-Works is that it's **kids helping kids**.

They know that collecting backpacks with school supplies, providing holiday dinners to needy families, and hosting celebratory events makes a big impact.

Billy and Brian have been manning the concession stand at our annual golf outings for five years helping to create a great day for golfers.

Your generosity helps celebrate and support the strengths and abilities of children, families and individuals with developmental disabilities. You help them have a dignified and meaningful life.

**Register at [abbotthouse.net](http://abbotthouse.net) by May 5th.**



Billy (top) and Brian

**DON'T GOLF?**  
**Join us for**  
**Cocktails &**  
**Dinner only!**

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