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Dear Schechter Families,

My children and I are once again working on a special project to help those less fortunate. Our project is named "Operation: Cheerbox". We will be putting together boxes of cheer for either a sick child or an elderly person and delivering them to the needy in the Long Island area. I created this project as a way to help those less fortunate and intend it to be a way that children can work *with* their parents to perform an act of kindness. Here's how it works:

Talk with your child about whether you would like to make a box for a sick child in the hospital or an elderly person in a nursing home. Then, use a shoebox in good condition or purchase a plastic one (the "bin" type that is sold in 99 cents stores). Decorate the shoebox any way you would like, using stickers, markers, fabric or any other material. Then, fill it with things that might cheer the intended person. Suggestions may be found below or you may add anything you feel is appropriate. Close the box with tape and label it (with a post it or removable sticker) to indicate whether it is for a child (also indicate boy, girl, or unisex) or an elderly person.

Please have your child bring all boxes to me (Room 13) or directly to the office. Please return all boxes by **June 15th**. We will then deliver the children's boxes to Long Island Jewish Hospital and the elderly boxes to local area nursing homes.

I thank you in advance for all your support. You are doing a wonderful mitzvah! If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at school or e-mail me at: ssdsteach7@verizon.net.

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Grade 2 Teacher

Kids Cheerbox Suggestions: crayons, hand-held games, small books, stickers, card games, character Band-Aids, travel size games, DVDs, small stuffed animals, activity pads, stationery, magic pen books, etc...

Elderly Cheerbox Suggestions: word search or sudoku books, stationery, playing cards, puzzles, packages of tissues, magnifying glass, pens, stamps, etc...

Please do not enclose food of any kind. All items must be new!