



~ Hugs for the World ~

New or Very Gently Used Stuffed Animal Drive

Coming Soon ~ May 17-20, 2010

Continuing with our theme of "Social Responsibility" this year, the What a Life Committee will be hosting a stuffed animal drive for Loving Hugs, Inc. The stuffed animals will be shipped around the world to comfort children around the world living in very stressful situations – such as disaster areas, war zones, orphanages, IDP Camps, and those who are in hospitals – to emphasize social responsibility on a *global* level.

We will be collecting **New** or **Very Gently Used** stuffed animals in collection boxes in the lobby of TEMS from **Monday, May 17** through **Thursday, May 20**. We will be sorting and preparing your donations for shipping after school on May 20 – please watch for more information closer to these dates.

If you would like to start making your donation piles now, please note the following guidelines for the stuffed animals:

1. Must be soft and cuddly, not stiff
2. No smaller than 6" or bigger than 18" tall (they can be a little taller if they are squishy-soft and can be packed down)
3. No Beanie Babies – they are too small and heavy to ship; Webkinz are OK
4. Not animated or talking (battery operated)
5. No TV cartoon characters (e.g., Sponge Bob, Sesame Street characters, etc.)
Exceptions: soft classic Disney characters like Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Winnie the Pooh, Eeyore, Snoopy, etc.
6. No sea animals, bugs, or reptiles. Exceptions: cuddly dolphins and whales are OK
7. Holiday-style animals with seasonal trimmings removed are OK (e.g., snip off Santa hats, Valentine hearts, etc.)

Questions about the drive? Would you like to help?

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