

# **Community Education Program**

## **Program Report**

### **October 2012**

- Community Education is working with Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center and DCFS to help recruit foster families for the surrounding Harvey Area. Aunt Martha's Foster Care agency is located at the former Kich School in Harvey. Ms. Bolton has been working with Licensing Specialist Deiridia Hester to help kick off an event to allow parents in stable homes to care for children in Home –of Relative, Specialized and SASSY foster care programs. Ms. Hester wants to offer foster parent training classes and continuing education classes here in Harvey School District 152. The target date for a foster parent class in December.
- Harvey Public Schools and Community Education has been invited to attend the My Joyful Heart Gala on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Each year, My Joyful Heart sponsors 190 children in District 152 by presenting them gift baskets 5 times a year. The gifts range from coats-computers. We support My Joyful Heart because of the work they do for our children and our community.
- Community Education is preparing to work with Chevy of Homewood is their 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Giving Gala on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Each year, Chevy of Homewood donates gifts of coats and toys to about 300 of our students. Currently, Ms. Bolton is working with the parent coordinators to prepare to intake the children for this event. Ms. Bolton has put the invitation in the boxes of the Board of Education members and Cabinet. We would love for the Board and Cabinet Members to participate in purchasing coats and toys for the students as well. Ms. Bolton will have the wish list available by November 1<sup>st</sup>. We would love to show Chevy of Homewood our support for all they do for us.
- Ms. Bolton has work with the Curriculum department to bring Mr. Sylvester Baugh in to train the parent coordinators and non-certified staff on Reality Therapy and Choice Theory. Reality Therapy is a non-threatening approach to helping people reach the best decision for personal situations. The workshop has been well received by staff members.