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Hello Parents,

I write with exciting news. Canal Town Nursery School has decided to implement 2 different service projects this fall season. Both service projects coordinate with lessons taught in your child's classroom.

**Mommy and Tot and 3 year old program:**



For many kids, Halloween is one of the most fun holidays of the year. What could be better than getting dressed up in a crazy costume and going from door to door to get tons of candy? Do you still have loads of candy left? If you are like many families, you still have a lot of leftover Halloween candy that your children dig into now and then. Depending on how fast your children eat it, you may find that you still have candy leftover at Thanksgiving and Christmas time. And since the National Confectioners Association states that 90% of parents admit to sneaking goodies from their kids' Halloween bags that may mean that you are still digging into your child's leftover Halloween candy.

So, what can you do with all that leftover candy so that you and your children aren't tempted to eat it? Well, the easiest solution would be to simply throw it away, but that seems like a waste. Instead of throwing it away, please think about donating it **Canal Town Nursery School's Halloween Candy Drive**. **Canal Town Nursery School's Halloween Candy Drive** will take place from Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. All candy donated will be given to Palmyra King's Daughter's Inc. for holiday gift baskets going to needy families. Palmyra Kings Daughters is passionate about this service and this will be an awesome addition to their already charitable program. Please place all donations in the festive **Halloween Candy Drive** box in the stairwell near your child's class room.



**4 year old program :**

Canal Town Nursery School is proud to be holding a **Cereal Drive** for our local Food Pantry. This is an excellent chance to make a difference in our community and I encourage you to join this effort to help our less fortunate neighbors. **Canal Town Nursery School's Cereal Drive** will run November 9<sup>th</sup> through November 23<sup>rd</sup>.



You are probably asking yourself, *why cereal?* There are many reasons, but I will name just a few.

- Cereal at the local Food Pantry is always the first to go and the Food Pantry struggles to keep cereal on their shelves.
- Cereal is a top source of key nutrients in children's diets.
- A 1998 study showed that eating breakfast boosts children's performance at school. Compared to children who skip breakfast, children who eat breakfast score higher on tests, are less likely to miss or be tardy, and have fewer reported discipline problems.
- And last...1 in 4 children in our community do not get enough food to meet their nutritional needs.

This **Cereal Drive** will supply much needed food to our local Food Pantry that services low income families, senior citizens, and other individuals in need. Please place your donated box of cereal in the festive **Cereal Drive** Box in the stairwell near your child's classroom.

Also, please feel free to donate items from the drive your child's class isn't sponsoring. Here at CTNS, we are all family.

Thank you, in advance, for your help! Together we can help give our neighbors the perfect holiday gift.

Fondly,

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Canal Town Nursery School Director

