

School is Back in Session - And Martha's Village & Kitchen is celebrating another year of impacting the lives of children!

Dear Neighbor,



Thanks to your generous gift to Martha's Village & Kitchen, we are celebrating another successful year of children whose lives have been positively changed! Among them is Nadia. She is a 2 ½-year-old who moved to the Preschool Program in December 2007. Since attending, her vocabulary has expanded and she is progressing in all areas of development.

Because of your support we were there for Nadia and other children who have all benefited this past year from the services we provide: a safe and nurturing environment, education and tutoring, activities with parents and play time – all of which have promoted their social and emotional development and have enabled their parents to focus on the task of rebuilding their lives, so they could break the cycle of homelessness and become successful adults.

John wants to become a veterinarian ... Ashley wants to be a school teacher ... And Maria plans on getting a job as a musician! All of these children have dreams and here at Martha's we are dedicated to creating the environment for these children that will allow them to fulfill those dreams.

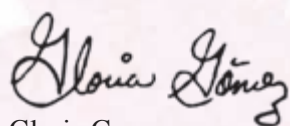
Did you know?

- Last year Martha's gave out 500 school backpacks to resident children and children who live in the community. Backpacks included paper, pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, and 2 folders.
- Martha's has been doing this for the past 5 school seasons.
- Every year an increasing number of children benefit.
- For most of these kids, the backpack and supplies given by Martha's are the only school supplies they will receive.

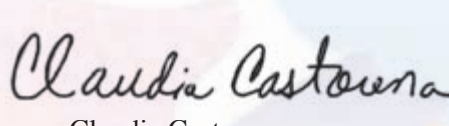


From all of us at Martha's, we would like to say **"Thank You"** for your past and future contributions. It is your contributions that make all of these services/programs possible. Thank you for keeping these children dreaming about their futures and offering the support that raises their self-esteem and provides them with the foundation they need in order to become successful adults.

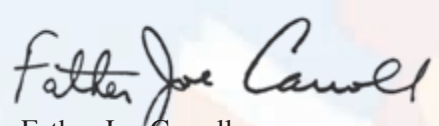
Thank you and God bless,



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