



We'd like to take this opportunity to share with you the details of our wonderful Circle of Giving program – one of the truly special things at Parkway School. The Circle of Giving was inspired by the life of a Parkway student named Kirk Vosbikian, who lost his fight with cancer. The Circle of Giving is an exceptional school-wide volunteer program that allows us all to experience the gift of giving and sharing in an effort to help others. Through their participation, our children partner with the community in friendship and love.

Throughout the year, the Circle of Giving will sponsor many events to benefit those in need. Many of our efforts support the Ronald McDonald House and include events such as:

- A year-long can tabs and ink cartridges collection (START COLLECTING!!!)
- A year-long coin drive
- Bake sales during conferences and the Night of the Arts in the spring
- Wawa hoagie sales in October and May
- A Thanksgiving Feast project, which includes a food drive and decorations made during art class, all of which our students deliver in person
- A Light-a-Light, Share-a-Night campaign

Parkway students give of their hearts to help the sick children and their families at the Ronald McDonald House in Camden, NJ. Parkway has donated over \$35,000.00 to help our community and the kids at the House! The Circle of Giving's efforts are not limited to the Ronald McDonald House, however. In the past, we have also donated to the Helpful Gifts from the Heart Foundation, which was founded by one of our Parkway Families, as well as other worthy organizations like Alex's Lemonade Stand.

Please support the kindhearted efforts that continue to make Parkway a special learning environment. Not all learning is through books; to give of oneself is an important lesson to learn as well.

During the year, we will be sponsoring many events to encourage the giving spirit. We hope you will give what you can and help those less fortunate than ourselves. Let's make this a great giving year for Parkway!

If you have any questions regarding The Circle of Giving, please contact Brienne DeFinis, the PTO chairperson for The Circle of Giving, at briennem@yahoo.com or 856-229-3594.