

# **Robert Frost Middle School**

## **Helping Hands Mini Walk for the Homeless**

To benefit Stepping Stones Shelter

### **ABOUT THE HELPING HANDS MINI WALK FOR THE HOMELESS**

**Helping Hands Club (Frost MS club for those interested in helping with community service projects that teach our students they can make a difference)** is excited to announce our **1<sup>st</sup> annual mini walk on Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Location will be Frost MS at 2:45- 3:45pm.**

Every student is eligible to attend the walk and must sign the attached registration form. We are collecting a \$10 donation that will be used to support our local Stepping Stones Shelter.

### **HOW DOES HOMELESSNESS AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY?**

Nearly 12,000 people in the Washington DC area were homeless last year. The number of homeless is on the rise, and in Montgomery County the number of homeless students has increased significantly. Montgomery County is also experiencing the highest number of families in need of support.

### **HOW DOES STEPPING STONES SHELTER HELP THE HOMELESS?**

**Stepping Stones Shelter** has been a homeless shelter for children and families located right in our neighborhood. **Stepping Stones Shelter** is in the unique position of bringing the entire family to the shelter. This ensures the family will stay in tact, and they help get the parents back on their feet and in their own home. They have been supporting local families for over 20 years.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### **HOW CAN YOU AND THIS MINI WALK MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**

The walk not only provides financial support for the non-profit shelter, but is also a great learning experience.

- \* You can realize what a difference even a small donation and support through the walk, can make for a local family in need. You can use allowance or money earned to pay your registration cost (100% will be donated to Stepping Stones Shelter)
- \* You can gain a greater appreciation for the many positive things in your own lives (both material and other) as a result of learning about the children and families in your own community who are disadvantaged
- \* You gain greater compassion for your fellow students who may have in the past, or may be currently experiencing homelessness

### **HOW DO I REGISTER?**

To ensure your participation in the **Helping Hands Mini Walk for the Homeless** please fill out and return the registration form. All students are eligible to participate.

We are asking for donations of **\$10 per student** and are encouraging you to ask friends and families to also sponsor you with additional donations for **Stepping Stones Shelter**.

To support the mini walk without actually walking, please fill out the form and include your check made out to **Stepping Stones Shelter**. These should be dropped at the Frost MS office.