

# LOCAL PRE-SCHOOL HOPS-TO-HELP OTHER CHILDREN!

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Route 70 Preschool & Child-care Center sponsors \*Good Deeds\* program!

-- A small group of preschool children at this childcare center, along with their families, friends and teachers helped raise money during the month of April, using the Muscular Dystrophy Association's \*Hop-a-Thon\* program -- which is designed to allow the youngsters to learn about other children their own ages living with disabilities.

And setting a good example is just one of the pre-school lessons learned at The Route 70 Goddard School, located in Toms River, NJ. .

Teachers and administrators at The Goddard School® for Early Childhood Development, reported that the \*Hop-a-Thon\* was just part of their \*Goddard Good Deeds\* program, which works to support several charities, like the \*Trike-a-Thon\* for St. Jude Childrens Hospital, a community childhood cancer-program, named \*Ocean of Love\* , and the Food Bank of Monmouth & Ocean County, among others.

The children also get to learn about the importance of helping the less fortunate in their community, across the country and around the world.

This year alone, the small pre-school managed to collect almost \$800 for the MDA, which was only one-percent 'shy' of their original goal.

All of the donations received at The Goddard School's \*Hop-a-Thon\* go to support MDAs comprehensive programs and services, such as sending local children to a week of MDA summer camp during August.

Our families were invited to participate in the event, and encouraged to support the campaign, said Miss Sharon Jensen, education director at the school.

As in prior years, pledges were obtained, then collected, and then the proceeds were donated to the charity through their \*Goddard Good Deeds\* program.

The Good Deeds program is something we started a few years ago, said Miss Jensen. The children and their families had such great enthusiasm for these events then that we decided to make them an annual program.

Along with emotional, physical, social and academic development, these children grow to become caring and giving individuals. "The children are just SUPER!", reports Miss Jenkins.

We want to thank all our Goddard families for their support, and we thank our teachers for all they do to make our school a warm and loving environment for the youngsters.

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