Dear SVdP Families,

As you are making your lists and checking them twice, please consider giving the gift of a generous cash donation to the SVdP Christmas Gift Fund in lieu of individual gifts to our teachers and staff. This has become an annual tradition, which the teachers and support staff greatly appreciate and look forward to every year.

Our homeroom teachers, specials teachers, aids, administrators and support staff touch our children’s lives in such special ways every single day. During this time of year, we all find ourselves looking for the perfect way to express our appreciation and gratitude to these special individuals. The SVdP Christmas Gift Fund is a way for all of us to collectively offer our sincerest thanks in a form that we believe shows such appreciation.

ALL collected funds will be pooled and distributed between each school faculty and staff member. The school will cover payroll taxes, so the staff will receive the full donation amount. Listed below are the steps on how to participate in the Christmas Fund.

1. Place a check in the amount you were intending to spend on a Christmas gift for your child’s/children’s regular and specials teacher, aides, and any other SVdP staff on your Christmas list in an envelope marked SVdP Christmas Fund. You can make the checks payable to SVdP and mark “Christmas Fund” on the memo line. All contributions remain strictly confidential. Please return all envelopes to the main office.

New this year, you have the option of making your donation online or through text message. You can text to Give Code: CHRISTMASFUND or use https://osvonlinegiving.com/1794/DirectDonate/66832 to submit your gift.

1. When you would normally deliver your Christmas gifts, write a personal card or letter from your family to the individual staff member/teacher thanking them for their expertise, faithful dedication and hard work on behalf of your children’s education. Your time and thoughtful words of genuine appreciation are priceless. Don’t hesitate to include in the letter a note along the lines of: “We hope you enjoy our family’s contribution to the SVdP Christmas Gift Fund.”

**The deadline is Friday, December 7th.**

Our sincerest THANK YOU for your support of this wonderful SVdP community tradition.

Many blessings,

Stefanie Liley

Home & School Chair

303-641-3784