

## PINELLAS SHERIFF'S POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

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Charity Works Inc Mr. Chris Renfrow 635 Court St Clearwater FI 33756

Dear Mr. Renfrow,

When you work with kids in the toughest most neglected neighborhood in Pinellas County, you sometimes get the feeling that no one in the world is looking out for you and then Charity Works comes along and it's like an angel has been sent from heaven to help!

Charity Works sent a dental hygienist with over 100 dental kits to Lealman a neighborhood in unincorporated Pinellas with only 1 dentist. The kids paid attention because after each class the kids ran to the bathroom to brush their teeth. Dental care is tough. EBT cards don't cover toiletries. The two cases of donated dental gum flew out my door!

In a neighborhood where 64% of the 3rd graders can't read at grade level and there is no public library, Charity Works sent us 78 new children's books, books that the kids could put their names in and take home and keep! Books that they could read by themselves!

Many of our kids are recipients of Christmas gifts supplied by the community so when Charity Works gave our Leadership Council the opportunity to shop for a family in need the kids jumped at the chance to help someone else. They couldn't wait to show us what they picked out and got into a little fight over who got to wrap which present. These kids felt that they were making a difference!

A Christmas card is pretty standard in many homes, but an art contest to design a Christmas card is big stuff. When Charity Works asked our kids to submit their designs they got to work. When I handed the winner's Mom a copy of the Christmas card for Charity Works with her daughter's artwork featured, she cried from joy!

Charity Works thank you for helping our kids last year and caring about young people in our community.

Neil Brickfield

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