



Used Halloween costumes wanted to help underprivileged children

Glenolden optometrist Dr. Nathan Walker, founder of Eye Site, is partnering with The Halloween Helpers (TheHalloweenHelpers.com) to collect gently-used Halloween costumes. A donation box will be located in the Eye Site lobby through September 27. Eye Site is at 30 South MacDade Boulevard, Glenolden. All costumes collected by The Halloween Helpers will be donated to kids served by the Greater Norristown Police Athletic League (PAL).

Developed by Emma Rose Shapiro, a community-minded 11-year-old from Wynnewood, The Halloween Helpers collects previously-enjoyed Halloween costumes and donates them to children who may not typically be able to participate in this yearly celebration.

"Emma Rose has set an ambitious yet achievable goal for 2009: to collect 1,000 previously-enjoyed Halloween costumes. With the help of Dr. Walker and the generous Glenolden community, we will get so much closer to reaching our target. And, more importantly, an even greater amount of Norristown-area children will be able to celebrate this Halloween in style" says Ilyse Shapiro, Emma Rose's mom and coordinator of The Halloween Helpers.

The Halloween Helpers is in need of the following types of Halloween costumes: clean, gently used costumes; infant through adult sizes; individually bagged; labeled with the following information: gender, size, type; complete costumes preferred -- What is a pirate without his eyepatch? What is a princess without her crown?

For more information on The Halloween Helpers or to become a collection site, visit TheHalloweenHelpers.com or call (610) 642-7427.