



SJMS

Care Committee

The SJMS Care Committee was formed to offer our community opportunities to practice what we teach. An integral part of the Montessori philosophy is care for others. By empowering and supporting children and families to be active and responsible citizens of their classroom, school, and world, we foster a caring community and develop a sense of stewardship and the heart of compassion.

What We Do

The Care Committee is another way for students and families to develop a lifelong habit of contributing to society by giving a helping hand to those in need. Last year, our school adopted the Ronald McDonald House where our students made art works and no-sew blankets, created table decorations, cooked meals for the families, and a myriad of other activities.



Care for Our Families

The other important work of the Care Committee is to offer caring support to our families. If you know of an SJMS family who is going through a difficult time and could benefit from a little help with meals, transportation for their children, or some other need, please contact your teacher or room parent who will work with the Family Association Care Committee to offer support.

Interested in more information? Contact
Chair of Care Committee, Lisa Jolley, at
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At SJMS, we have a school wide “Catholic Identity” initiative connected to accrediting that involves reflecting upon and acting upon “Care for the Poor and Vulnerable” for the next two years followed by “Care for God’s Creation” for the two years after that. The key will be to empower and involve students in all phases of the serving, according to their developmental capacities. In light of this school wide goal, we have decided to adopt the following organization, the Homeless Families Foundation as our main focused charity.

The Homeless Families Foundation (HFF), established in 1986, is a private, non-profit organization whose vision is to contribute to the reduction of generational homelessness in our community by providing the highest quality customer-focused services that set the standard of practice for all service providers. HFF receives homeless children and their families from the system crisis entry point and oversees their care as they work toward overcoming the barriers that initially caused them to become homeless. In 2013, HFF served 265 families, including 509 children, and 91% were successfully moved to permanent housing.