



### About Lydia's Kids Foundation.....

It was created in memory of Lydia M. Collins, who was a special education teacher in the Newburyport elementary schools for over 20 years. She died in 1991 of renal failure at the age of 47. In addition to being an award-winning teacher, her caring often extended beyond the classroom. Lydia was quick to provide for even the most basic needs of her "kids", whether it be a nourishing meal, a warm jacket or a happy holiday.

In August, 1996, her family and friends created LKF in order to continue Lydia's good works in meeting the physical, emotional, or intellectual needs of public school children (K-12) in Newburyport. Teachers, nurses, and administrators in those schools who identify a child in need may apply to LKF to fund such diverse needs as a pair of winter boots, warm clothing, summer camp, and the like.

Some of the things funded by LKF since May, 1997 are:

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| Basketball camp (multiple)                                      | Eyeglasses               |
| Boys and Girls Club (multiple)                                  | MIT Tech Camp            |
| YWCA After-school Program                                       | Clothing (multiple)      |
| Music lessons and instrument rental                             | Family in need           |
| City of Newburyport Camp  | YMCA Camp (multiple)     |
| Theater in the Open Camp  | Adventure Lore Camp      |
| AAU Basketball Program  | 4-H Camp Leslie          |
| Emergency dental treatment                                      | Transportation to camp   |
| Blue Triangle Camp (multiple)                                   | Art lessons and supplies |
| Massachusetts Audubon Society (camp)                            | Camp Triumph             |
| Aide for after-school programs (multiple)                       | Camp Starfish            |
| All Around Gym Center (multiple)                                | Mattresses               |
| Donation-Eoin's Seizure Dog Fund                                | Donation-fire victims    |
| Camp Kieve Scholarships (annual)                                | Camp Rotary              |
| Children's Equitation Center (camp)                             | YWCA Camp (multiple)     |
| Donation-Nickoletta Staszewski Scholarship Fund                 | Horseback riding lessons |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Washington, DC trip scholarships (annual) | Horton Center campership |