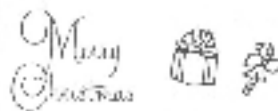


# Si-Lo Friends



Joining Hands With Senior Volunteers Of Howe-To Industries

December 1, 1998

## Christmas Thanks

Since we began Howe-To Industries six years ago, I'm sure there have been many times when you, our volunteers, without whom this program could never could have begun or continue to operate, must wonder, "am I really making a difference?". While we as staff understand your feeling that way because we do have those same feelings from time to time, we never wonder at all if you are making a difference - because you have and you are!

I'll give you an example of how we know this. On Saturday, November 21, Fran Williams and Michael Johnston, de la Howe student, were working in The Barn alone. A slow Saturday afternoon, they spent quite a bit of time talking, and Michael even wrote a poem "especially for Fran", which she let me share with you (thanks, Fran!).

*As I pull up the drive, I look up and see,  
The gigantic Barn looming over me.  
Step out the car, I read the sign,  
Looking around, there is no line,  
The wonderful people, the smiling faces,  
Look forever, still you'll not find more friendly places,  
I step by the door, hear a kind hello,  
Truly I fret when it's time to go,  
Find something I like, go to the counter and buy,  
Soon I will return, another time, another day."*

The experience of writing this particular poem would not have been possible without you, our HTI volunteers! His words reflect the thoughts of many, many other de la Howe youth who have been and continue to be touched by all of you! The Christmas Season is a most appropriate time for the students and staff of John de la Howe School to say "Thank You" to all of you for your many wonderful gifts to us! Your support and service mean so much.

-- Linda Kildé, HTI Coordinator

**Happy Birthday!** One of our Volunteers celebrates her birthday in December. She is:

Eala Godwin - December 14

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**

## Committee News

Accounting Committee: The Accounting Committee met Nov. 5 to verify total Barn sales for

the month of October (\$1,441.30). Next Accounting Comm. meeting is Tues., Dec. 1, 3 PM  
Activities & Events Committee: The Activities & Events Committee did not meet on Tues., Nov. 24, as scheduled; however, members of this committee have been in touch regarding our upcoming Christmas Open House scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5, at The Barn from 9 AM to 4 PM (see flyer enclosed). **Your help is needed to contribute cookies toward our refreshments that day if you can! Just call if they need to be picked up or drop them by The Barn that morning.** Next A & E Comm. meeting is Tues., Jan. 19, 1999, at 3 PM.

Product Involvement/Inventory Control Committees: The Product Involvement/Inventory Control Committees met on Nov. 10 to receive a few products. We appreciate the Carville Co.'s planning ahead to provide fresh shelled peanuts again this year for The Barn. On Nov. 24, this committee received a good many Christmas products from the PaSCO Company (thanks for producing more of the Clemson and Carolina ornaments!) Next PIC/ICC meeting will be Tues., Dec. 1 and 15, at 1:30 PM in the Media Center.

Staffing/Transportation Committee: This committee did not officially meet on their regularly scheduled Saturday in November, however, we had a de la Howe student to compute our October hours for us, and Elizabeth Link proofed the computation that came to a total of 496. Thanks to all volunteers! Next S/T Committee meeting: Sat., Dec. 12, at 10 AM.

Training & Evaluation Committee: The T & E Committee did not meet as scheduled in November. Next meeting: Thurs., Dec. 10, 2 PM.

Quality Control Committee: Our Quality Control Committee had its second meeting on Tues., Nov. 10, and there was much good input from students, staff, and volunteers regarding company production that will hopefully help everyone as we continue to work together. The Committee decided the appropriate step would be to route this information to John de la Howe's Administrative Team for consideration. Next meeting TBA.

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee met on Nov. 17 prior to Board of Directors meeting. Next Exec. Comm. meeting: Dec. 8, 2:30 PM.

