



**Catholic Charities**

Diocese of Youngstown

Providing Help. Creating Hope.

# Dress Down Day!

## "FIRST STEP FOR CHANGE" COLLECTION

Catholic Charities' **First Step Program** offers our clients food, formula, clothing, diapers and other necessities to meet their immediate needs, as well as the support of a case manager to provide links with other information and community resources. There are many parents in your community who simply need a "hand up" when times are tough. You can help support this program by supporting Catholic Charities' **First Step for Change Campaign** in your own classroom!

The parish based collection for First Step for Change is held in May, beginning with Mother's Day and runs through June, ending with Father's Day. The month of October has been designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as "Respect Life Month", January is "Poverty Awareness Month", and March is "Care for Creation." Our faith reminds us of our call to respect, protect and uphold the dignity of every single person, at every single stage in his or her life. By supporting First Step for Change throughout the school year, you will be helping Catholic Charities give a happy, healthy start to those in their earliest stages of life.

**How does it work?** We are asking classrooms to offer students an optional CHARITY dress down day once during each season below. For a small donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_, students will be permitted to "dress down" according to school policy. Each classroom is encouraged to create a unique theme to celebrate the day!

- Dress down day #1 - October (Respect Life Month)
  - **Theme idea:** wear purple for Domestic Violence Awareness
- Dress down day # 2 - January (Poverty Awareness Month)
  - **Theme idea:** wear hats & gloves to class, and donate them to the poor at the end of the day.
- Dress down day #3 - March (Care for Creation)
  - **Theme idea:** as a class, plant a window box & watch it grow throughout the Spring.

**\*\* The classroom that raises the most money will receive a pizza party in MAY!**

Collect all donations and forward cash or checks to:

Catholic Charities

First Step for Change Fundraiser

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