

July, 2009.

I revisited all 115 Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts schools in our 'Good Deeds' program in May and June, thanking their students for all the good deeds they've done this year and encouraging them to keep it up.

I've received several emails and letters from parents telling me how much they appreciate the Feinstein Jr. Scholar cards I give out to their children in our program, acknowledging their good deeds and listing - on the back of them - all the places they can go free and bring an adult guest with them free, too, whenever they show their card.

Unfortunately, the Roger Williams Zoo decided to cancel their contract with us allowing free admission there - stating that they were making so many free admissions from our card that it was just too costly for them. And the Children's Museum, citing a similar concern, requested that our card be good with them only for one time use in the future. But, outside of that, the card can be used multiple times at all the other places listed on it, at least as of this writing.

Any youngsters losing their card, just send me a letter to that effect with a stamped-self-address envelope to: 37 Alhambra Circle, Cranston, RI 02905, and I will replace it.

I also recently offered my students and their teachers a very special Mother Teresa legal tender coin - the only Mother Teresa legal tender coin ever made - available to them free at the gift shop at Carousel Village in Roger Williams Park as long as they present a letter with their name and school stating that they will never sell this coin. Or, they can get one direct from me by sending that letter to me at the above address. Strictly one coin per person.

These coins are very valuable. There will never be another coin featuring Mother Teresa, as her Order does not permit anything to be sold with her image. This coin was made by the government of the Turks and Cacos Islands, a colony of Great Britain, by special arrangement with me that it would never be sold or put into circulation.

A visitor to those islands said that a coin dealer told him they were valued between \$400 and \$800 but did not know of anybody who had one. If you hear of any information about this coin please let me know.

My PBS weekend show 'Our Great Kids', featuring the good deeds by our Jr. Scholars and their teachers, is now off-air for the summer but will resume in the fall. PBS has asked me to double the number of those weekly shows from 2 to 4, so as to be able to report even more of the good deed news I get from our schools.

This is the fifteenth year of my school program. The principals, teachers and students in these schools have been wonderfully responsive - doing tens of thousands of good deeds for others. What a difference they have made in the lives of so many and in bettering their communities. I love these youngsters!

The town of Coventry recently named their only middle school for me and most of its students joined in our last national spring campaign to fight hunger by sending letters announcing it throughout the country. Over 1700 agencies participated and raised over \$197 million this year – the most ever raised in a single fund raising campaign. All our schools did canned food drives as part of this campaign, which they gave to their local food pantries.

Coventry Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School now has the largest enrollment of any middle school in the state; an honor formally held by Woonsocket which just split up their own middle school – which had about 1400 students - into two schools, one of which their superintendent also wanted to name for me but I declined. Every elementary student in Woonsocket is in our program and I didn't want half of them going on to a Feinstein middle school with the possibility of rivalry between them and the other middle school students. All those youngsters are currently bonded as Feinstein Jr. Scholars and I'd like to keep that harmony among them.

That is it for now. Encourage your youngsters to keep up their good deeds. They are making their communities and our world a better place. I'm so proud of them.

Sincerely, Alan Shawn Feinstein