



## HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEDIA ALERT

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### **SECOND GRADERS AT THE SHLENKER SCHOOL RAISE MONEY TO PURCHASE NEW BEARS FOR HFD AMBULANCES**

**WHAT:** Shlenker School second graders donate new bears to HFD. Bears are placed on HFD units to comfort children during 9-1-1 calls.

**WHEN:** Friday, March 27, 2009 at 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Shlenker School , 5600 North Braeswood Blvd. Houston , Texas 77096 , between Chimney Rock Road and Hillcroft

**DETAILS:** For 9 years, second-graders at the Shlenker School have held read-a-thons to raise money in order to purchase stuffed animals from Build-A-Bear.

This year, 34 Shlenker students raised \$4,170 and read 686 books! They purchased 178 bears and have placed good wishes inside each bear donated to HFD. Those Build-a-Bears provide comfort to the pediatric patients and children during 9-1-1 calls and help them realize that the firefighters and paramedics are there to help them.

HFD members will come to the school and receive the bears and thank the students for their special gifts. This is a mitzvah (an act of kindness) that the children are doing to help another child they may never know.



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