Dear colleagues:

Once again, ATPE Region 4 and ATPE Alief Local Unit Service Committee is inviting everyone to join us help one of our city’s homeless shelters, Star of Hope.

The book, *Have you Filled a Bucket Today Have You Filled a Bucket Today?: A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids (Bucketfilling Books)* by Carol McCloud (Author), David Messing (Illustrator), is a heartwarming book that encourages positive behavior by using the concept of an invisible bucket to show children how easy and rewarding it is to express kindness, appreciation and love by “filling buckets.” After reading this book, Mr. Heriberto Ibarra’s third grade class was inspired and began The Fill a Bucket Project on March 28, 2016. However, the class decided to take it one step further, instead of filling an invisible bucket, the children began to fill actual buckets with a list of items, such as toiletries for adults and children that were in need. They chose Houston’s Star of Hope Homeless Shelter as their beneficiary.

*Our goal this year, with the Fill a Bucket Project, is to lift the spirits of people in need.*

**Materials needed:** A bucket, it could be any plastic bucket, preferably with a cover/lid. Each bucket should be labeled if it is for an adult male or female or for a family. You can get buckets for free in any bakery of a market store, HEB, Kroger, etc, or buy it at Lowes or Home Depot. It can be filled with **NEW** Urgent Needed Items that are currently listed on SOH.org website:

- **Critical Need:** Deodorant for men and women, Diapers - Sizes 5 & 6, Bath towels, Razors.
- **Urgent Need:** Diapers, Disposable Pull-ups - Sizes 4 & 5, Baby Powder, Baby Wipes, Toiletries, Shaving Cream, Razors, Deodorant, Travel Size Soap & Shampoo.

Mr. Ibarra encourages everyone to participate and demonstrate once again the generosity that Region 4 ATPE members know how to do. He asked that you can choose to either contact him at his email: Heriberto.Ibarra@aliefisd.net, take the buckets to Liestman Elementary, 7610 Synott Rd, Houston, TX 77083, or to our Region 4 spring meeting on April 1st, 2017 at the Houston Junior League.

Mr. Heriberto Ibarra has served our as our ATPE Region 4 Service Chairman, and has brought other projects that have benefited other organizations and hospitals in Region 4. We are grateful and thankful to have him on our team. Please join us and help make a difference by impacting/helping others, as his class has done. They are bucket-fillers, You CAN BE, TOO!