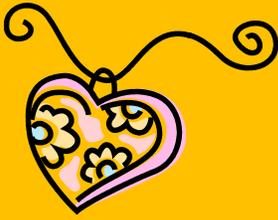


## Sample letter to Collect Jewelry



Dear Friends:

Regardless of any family make up, chances are there is a woman in every child's life that they depend upon. Chances are this *someone* feeds them, clothes them, cares for them when they are sick, gets them to school, and hopefully keeps them out of harm's way. These women may be their mothers, their grandmothers, their aunts, a big sister, or even a close family member. Wouldn't it be nice to formally acknowledge their care and help in a small way once a year? So why not on or around Mother's Day?

In honor of my own mom, *I am collecting donations of costume jewelry*. We will be taking the donated jewelry and setting up a *Jewelry Shop for Mom* at Powell Elementary School in Washington, DC on May 6, 2010. Located in inner-city DC, many of these children have never dreamed of being able to present their "mother" a card, let alone a gift, on Mother's Day.

Each student during the month of April will be "earning" points for all sorts of things - like good grades, good attendance, good behavior, and just about "good" anything.

Just before Mother's Day, each student will have earned with their points their way into the *Jewelry Shop for Mom* - and will be able to "purchase" a special piece of jewelry for a woman in their life that takes care of them and makes them feel safe and special.

So - our hunt is on for donated costume jewelry!!! We don't need anything fancy - just something that is in good condition that might make one of the children and one of these "moms" smile on Mother's Day.

So I am asking you to take a Saturday morning and go through your jewelry box. I bet you have a couple of little 'treasures" that you haven't worn for years that might be better suited making its way to a new home.

Please drop off or mail your "treasures" as soon as possible- and we will get things organized in time for our May celebration. If I can receive your donations by April 19<sup>th</sup> - that will give us enough time to assure that we have enough to take care of all of the kids at the school. For those of you that already made donations last year (or don't have a jewelry box!), perhaps you could forward my email to some friends or neighbors that might be interested.

Thanks for your help with the *Jewelry Shop for Mom* project!

Best wishes,

Wendy Pangburn