## October 21, 2022

Since we last updated you as school was starting, so much has happened! The twins are growing fast, in fact we would love a few larger and warmer clothes for them. Please check out our signup genius for more information on what we would like.

The children have settled into their new classes at Nahed Chapman School and parents are attending parent teacher conferences this week. Reports are very good!

Father has started a new job. His previous company changed the second shift work hours so he wasn't getting home until 2:30 in the morning. Once school started and he needed to get up early to help get the children to school, this was exhausting. With his new job, at another manufacturing company in Fenton, he gets home about 10:30, makes a little more money and everyone is getting a little more sleep!

The whole family enjoyed apple picking at Eckerts – they came home with 7 bags of apples which they shared with their Afghan neighbors. The apples were all eaten or shared within a week! The family is very generous with what they have and they are good about helping others in the community.

We took Mother, Father and the younger children for a walk through the Botanical Garden in late September. They enjoyed the peacefulness of it and were surprised to see how close it was to their house. We just gave Father a membership for his birthday so he can take his family whenever he wants!

The generosity of our church family continues as the Escotts generously donated a bike their boys had outgrown to one of the younger boys, he loves it! Now the older boys (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade) think a bike would be great too. If you know of anyone who has a bike (or two!) that their older elementary kids have outgrown, please contact Sue Scott. We have started taking Mother to an Afghan Mom's group and she has enjoyed getting the opportunity to socialize with some other women. You can imagine that being home with the twins and younger daughter doesn't give her much time to make friends so this has been lovely for her.

The three older boys have been going to soccer every Sunday afternoon thanks to our drivers, Tom McNeely and Tim Currinder. They really enjoy the game and seeing friends.

Now we're trying to introduce them to Halloween! We had a party this weekend with our family and some of their friends to decorate pumpkins. They'll get costumes through Welcome Neighbor and will be attending Boo at the Zoo next weekend, thanks to free tickets for the families.