



CHOICES Inc.
Children Have Options in Caring Environments

Dear Smile Partner,



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"A clean space, makes a free mind."



As adults we work hard to share the Christmas spirit with others and especially our kids...

... there is magic in the air

... a jolly season for all.

Sometimes that is not the case for our foster kids...a little extra kindness and support is needed.

Each kid should know the joy of this season. *You can give joy* to a child!

We survey our kids twice a year about their experiences with CHOICES, while the main purpose is to provide feedback regarding our foster homes and caseworkers it tells us more. Our kids routinely *include comments about how much they enjoy the CHOICES Christmas party.*

You help create that magic each year. Your donation and kindness gives hope to kids who need it most during the holiday season.

This year we are asking you to *give joy* to help make Christmas memorable for the close to 300 kids in our programs. Many will struggle being away from their family...during a season that has a laser focus on family. The whole production of the parties, food, gifts, prizes, and a special visit from Santa are **only possible because people like you care.**

Will you choose to *give joy* this season?

Our office elves are busy obtaining lists from all the girls and boys, and they are planning a special room to welcome Santa. You can help fill our annual Christmas parties with magic and fun. Our foster care party will take place on Friday, December 7th. Almost a week later we will have our independent living party on Thursday, December 13th.

Join the team of Santa's helpers now to help with our planning efforts!

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There are many ways to help and we hope you will consider giving joy to our kids this year too! Here is how you, your organization, company, or place of worship can join the **Santa's Helper Team:**

- Donate gift certificates or **gift cards** – most popular for our teenagers
- Host a **giving tree**
- Buy from our **Holiday Wish List** (see attached paper)
- **Donate monetarily** (we will shop for remaining wishes)
- **Adopt a Home-Based Family** (local families receiving mental health services with CHOICES)
- **Purchase a coat for a teen or child in need** (we will match you to a child)

It is not too late to join in the fun, we will work with you to uncover what area is near and dear to your heart. If you or your organization would like to help make foster children's Christmas wishes come true, please contact: **Ashley Pester** at (937) 264-0084 ext. 122 or apester@choicesfostercare.com.

We will make sure to recognize your generosity at our holiday event, in our newsletter, and on our website. Please see the enclosed pages for most requested items and a pledge form.

Donations can be mailed/dropped off to **1785 Big Hill Rd., Kettering, OH 45439.**

Please respond by November 30th, so we have plenty of time to plan. We are actively matching up wishes and adopt a family partners now – don't miss out!

Give joy to foster kids this Christmas!

Sincerely,

Ashley Pester
Development Director

Dean Miller
Cleaner with Dean



P.S. 100% of your donation directly goes to local kids and our Christmas drive.

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