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Dear Friends,

It is with deep gratitude and thanks to each of you for providing tremendous support to Holiday Project 2020. This was a year of turmoil and uncertainty with families and individuals losing their jobs, homes as well as loved ones to the Covid-19 epidemic. The community stepped up to provide the support of a holiday meal or gift to a child which would have been a luxury that simply could not otherwise be afforded. Many of those that received assistance were facing crisis for the first time. You were able to provide hope and joy by your concern and willingness to help in their time of need.

This year, the need for food assistance was especially important with children home from school not getting the school lunches they would normally have received leaving many families struggling with the burden of how to feed their families. Your support helped to provide much needed food baskets to 951 families and individuals for Thanksgiving and 649 food baskets for Christmas. Over 100 seniors in our community that requested assistance were given food gift cards for Christmas. More than 1,300 children in families, many with single parents or those separated from their families through foster care, were provided carefully chosen gifts from their wish lists.

Thank you again for your support in helping others in need through the Holiday Project. Your concern for the less fortunate in our community is valued and appreciated. On behalf of the Holiday Project families and staff we extend warm wishes for "Peace and Good Health" in 2021.

Sincerely,

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