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Report on Christmas & Adopt-a-Family Programs

“*I can't begin to express what your agency has done for my children and me this Christmas! The abundance of gifts was overwhelming to say the least. The grocery gift cards are most definitely a life-saver and will go to extremely good use. All of the gifts were perfect, but more than the monetary value, I so appreciate the thought and effort put behind each one. Rebuilding our lives has been difficult, but your kind actions have really lightened the load. For that especially, I thank you. Please know I won't forget the kind gestures of all of the families and staff, and will certainly pass the love and good will forward.*”

—Stephanie H.
Adopt-a-Family Recipient

Christmas 2009 was another record-breaking year for our Adopt-a-Family program, with over 900 families served! More than 2,600 children saw their wishes come true with support from 500 family and corporate employee groups who participated in the program. Crestwood Preparatory College was one of the organizations that took part. According to Teacher Mark Ferley, “This Christmas, the Hope for Children Foundation provided the ‘avenue’ for our students to make a difference.” Crestwood’s efforts helped 10 local families.

“A special thanks to the Benzaquen family for their generous donation of furniture as well as to other families who contributed more than was expected or hoped for,” says Mr. Ferley.

Even though this year’s Christmas season is months away, we hope you will keep us on your Christmas list! Ask your family, friends, and co-workers to join you. We will provide you with the profile of a family and their wish list to help you personalize the experience. It’s a fun and rewarding way to share the spirit

of giving. Your gifts are delivered to the family by a child welfare worker prior to the holidays. For more information, please visit hopeforchildren.ca/adoptafamily.

Not enough time for shopping? You can also make cash donations, which will help ensure that our families receive support when they need it. Donating online is quick, secure and easy, and you will be provided with a tax receipt instantly. For more information, please visit hopeforchildren.ca/donate.