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Holiday Gift Project at Social Services: Help Needed

Cold weather and the Holidays are right around the corner. Once again this year, the Frederick County Department of Social Services is sponsoring the "Holiday Gift Project" to warm the hearts of some of our neighbors in need.

Social Services has become aware of some seniors, families, and children who could use assistance during this Special Season. Many offices, groups, families, and individuals have volunteered to be elves spreading Holiday joy by participating in this program. Last year, 190 children and families and 54 seniors were helped through the "Holiday Gift Project."

All presents are greatly appreciated. Those who volunteer to sponsor a child, family, or senior are provided an information sheet about the person or family they are helping. Sponsors are responsible for purchasing and wrapping the gifts, and delivering the gifts to DSS for distribution. Social Services staff will then distribute the presents to their clients.

The Frederick County D.S.S. "Holiday Gift Project" not only warms the hearts of those in need, but the hearts of those who donate as well. If you, your family, or group would like to participate by providing presents, or would like to donate food for the Holidays, please contact Jennifer Long at Social Services via email at JLong@dhr.state.md.us or by calling 301-600-4544.

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