Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to share the incredible impact of the 4 Season Giving Tree Holiday Program this year, and it's all thanks to your generous support!



This holiday season, we have touched the lives of hun-

dreds of people! We supported 137 families in total with gifts and gift cards, 7 more than last year. This includes fulfilling 93 entire wish lists and providing 37 students with \$100 Giant Food gift cards for their families through "The Stocking Project". We also collaborated with the Rockville Fire Department, which distributed over 2,200 toys to the community we serve on Christmas Eve. Remaining funds will allow us to provide new referral gift cards for families in 2025.

Our Frederick chapter also made significant strides, supporting 7 families. Additionally, 20 Good Counsel students supported families or delivered gifts as part of their community service projects.

I checked in with many donors to hear how the holiday gift deliveries went. I heard stories of being invited into the homes of the families being supported, some providing small gifts or thank you notes, and others being met with excited children screaming for joy, waiting at the windows, and running outside when they saw the gifts. Some interactions were quieter, with families thankfully receiving their gifts. Some families were overwhelmed at the generosity, and expressed how extremely blessed they felt to be on the receiving end. Many delivered to families living in motels; seeing how families of 6 shared 2 small beds everyday left some donors in tears. Each experience was different, yet each volunteer was able to see firsthand, how they were meaningfully impacting the lives of others.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our partners and sponsors (<u>Partners + Sponsors | 4 Season Giving Tree | Gaithersburg, MD 20878</u>) who have played a crucial role in this success. Your collaboration and support have helped so many.

The need for support continues throughout the year. We invite you to join us in our ongoing efforts to help those in need through our Facebook volunteer pages: 20878: 4 Season Giving Tree Volunteers/Donors (www.4seasongivingtree.org) | Facebook . Your continued generosity can make a lasting difference in our community.

Kindness makes a difference. We will continue to provide families with the essentials they need to thrive. Together, we will make this world a better place.

Thank you once again for your kindness and for making this holiday season truly special for so many.

Wishing you all a joyous and fulfilling new year,

The 4 Season Giving Tree Team

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