

I am honored to extend my deepest gratitude to each of you for your incredible dedication and hard work during this holiday season, especially to the amazing 4SGT <u>Team | 4 Season Giving Tree | Gaithersburg, MD</u> 20878.

Together, we have accomplished something truly remarkable—bringing joy and gifts to children who might otherwise have faced a less festive holiday. Your selfless commitment to our mission has made a significant impact, not only in providing material gifts but also in fostering a sense of hope and happiness.

As we reflect on the success of this season, let us celebrate the collective effort that went into making a difference in the lives of those in need. Your passion and willingness to give back are the driving forces behind our success, and I am honored to be a part of such a compassionate and dedicated community. Thank you for embodying the spirit of generosity and kindness. Your contributions have not only brought smiles to children's faces but have also strengthened our community and embodied the true meaning of the holiday season.

For the 2023 holiday program, we supported 130 families, 20 more than last year. We provided gifts to over 600 individual family members, and the list continues to grow because MCPS community coordinators and counselors are still in the process of distributing gift cards into the new year. We were also able to expand our reach through 2 local chapters, Frederick and Good Counsel High School, supporting additional families. On Christmas Eve, at the eleventh hour, we were able to mobilize a plan in minutes with the Rockville Fire department for Santa to make a special visit with many elves (volunteer firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and chiefs) to provide toys, books and stuffed animals to local children who may have gone without this holiday season.

We continue to support those in need throughout the year with a focus on upcycling gently used items to the families in our program. Our efforts relieve pressure from teachers in schools, ease the burden of the families in need and allow the children in our community to focus on learning and leading better lives.

I ask that you invite your local friends on Facebook to our volunteer and donor group: <u>20878: 4 Season Giving Tree Volunteers/Donors (www.4seasongivingtree.org)</u> | <u>Facebook</u> to hear about immediate needs in real time, and share our story with members of your community to help us spread the word and increase our impact.

We hope that we inspire others to make a difference. We are proof that kindness is contagious. We will continue our mission to provide families with the essentials needed to thrive. Together, we can make this world a better place.

Wishing you all a joyous and fulfilling new year, Lauren Laimon. Founder

4 SEASON GIVING TREE

"There is always light. If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it." — Amanda Gorman







The recipients have been so grateful and have sent notes of thanks. We have shared a few of them here:

To the entire team behind all this great Christmas work,

We want to thank you from our family and for giving us the blessing of bringing a lot of joy to our home during this Christmas season, thank you, thank you very much, to each of you who give us this Christmas, because in these gifts there is not only money, but there is also will, love and, above all, time, these actions are priceless and that is very appreciated. As a mother of 6 children, I am infinitely grateful, with you. God continue to bless the 4season team, by bringing joy to my home and watching to my children their smiles, and the curiosity to see their gifts, THANK YOU SO MUCH 4SEASON, MRS LAUREN AND EVERYONE WHO WAS BEHIND ALL THIS HARD WORK

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Thank you so much for the Christmas gifts that came yesterday and I appreciate you and everyone who helped. Please thank them and let them know that we are happy and appreciate for the holiday gifts.

Christmas is something special for us, even though we don't have family nearby, you always treat us as part of yours. Thank you for making us feel so important and special to you. Thank you and many blessings.

Thank you so much for the gifts. Also, thank you for taking time to give us and my family gifts. I really appreciate it and my daughters are so happy and excited to open the gifts on Christmas Day.

Please "Adopt" us again. Thank you so much! We are overjoyed!









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I am very grateful for the joy you brought my children and my family. God continue to bless you very much. Thank you for your gifts. Merry Christmas. God bless you.

I just want to say thank you for the presents for Christmas for my son and me, I'm a single mother we are from Guatemala and is just him and I, no family around. I appreciate that you take the time and money to make our Christmas different.

Merry Christmas and God bless you and your family.

Our best wishes this holiday season. May God and the Virgin Mary guide your path and shower blessings on each of you, from the 4 season giving tree organization, infinite thanks from the whole heart from our family. Wishing you a beautiful Christmas that multiplies happiness, harmony and peace. Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Thank you so much for these blessings that you brought. All the gifts we asked for came to us thanks to you and the people who donated this Christmas, may the heavenly father always bless you for helping the communities. I am grateful to you and wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year with your family.

"Let us care for one another, in order to stimulate each other to love and good works." Hebrews 10:24

Hello— thank you so much for helping my kids during this season. You have no idea how happy they are receiving their gifts. God bless you for your help and your huge heart. Merry Christmas and happy new year. Thank you so much for your help.







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Dear gentlemen of this organization, please receive our greetings. We are very grateful to you, receive our best wishes, may you have a nice Christmas together with your loved ones, may happiness, harmony and peace reign. Likewise, we wish you a prosperous year with many blessings. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and give you many blessings. Cheers to each of you who make up this beautiful organization. Thank you very much, my family and I are very grateful. Thank you very much from our family.

Thank you very much for the gifts for my son and I, they are very nice. May God bless you for making many families and children happy and may you have a Merry Christmas. Blessings.

Thank you so much, we really appreciate all that you have done for our family. Have a safe and wonderful holiday.

Thank you very much. God bless you for all those beautiful gifts and for the time to prepare them. Merry Christmas.

Thank you all so much this holiday season!!!!!

Thank You Very Much and Happy Holidays to you!

The whole family is very happy, thank you very much.







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Thank you so much for the gifts. Me and my family truly do appreciate it, happy holidays and have a goodnight! God bless you!

Merry Christmas. I would like to say, thank you so much for the gifts. I remember my daughter holding in her excitement that day when you dropped them off. My kids loved and appreciated the gifts so much. I remind my kids the true meaning of Christmas is all about being surrounded by our loved ones, being thankful for the things that we do have and being kind to one another. I hope you are enjoying yourself with your family. Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you so much for the gifts we are really happy and we hope that you guys have a great Christmas.

Thank you for the gifts for the children. My children are happy with their toys. Merry Christmas and thank you, Santa.

We are all very grateful for the gifts that you gave us. Thank you very much!









































