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**Thanksgiving is coming and I am
THANKFUL FOR YOU!**

**Will you help Jamie's Smiles make a difference in
children's lives again this holiday season?**

Dear Friends:

As you may know, we have delivered the family's coats because the weather is changing. We also did our initial purchase through Kohl's on November 5th. Many thanks to the L'Anse Creuse High School students and other volunteers who helped select items and are planning to wrap the gifts that we have so far.

**So far this year we have raised 78% of the funds that
we raised last year, but the needs of this community
are greater than ever before...**

When I met with the therapists at the Macomb County Preschool Program (MIPP), they told me about a family of four: Mom (Traci), two boys (Taj - age 7 & DeVaughn - age 11), and their sister (Hope) who is 10 months old with special needs who could really use our help. The Mom was just asking for coats and socks for the children. We are adding them to our adoption this year. You know that I just couldn't say no, so... We are purchasing the needed coats and socks, as well as a couple of outfits per

child, books, and a toy.

Last year we touched the lives of approximately 223 people through our holiday adoption program. Some were adopted in a BIG way and others were given car seats, high chairs, clothing items, food gift cards, or toys to help them through. Our families who receive donations, from total adoption to a helping gift card, are always super thankful!! We are hoping to help at least that many folks again this year!!

Additional Families' Needs

Like Hope's family, we have had other families reach out through MIPP for diapers and with larger items needs like high chairs, car seats, cribs, pack and plays, learning toys, beddings, etc. We will provide these items to additional families as we are able based on our funding this year.

We also have many children and family members coming into MIPP without winter coats. In addition to this Christmas adoption we have applied for several grants that have been given to Jamie's Smiles to help to alleviate these needs. Stay tuned for our thank you letter for details. **If you want to donate a gently used or new coat, please see how below...**

Can You Help?

As is our custom, we will only come to you TWO TIMES this year via email. Please note that this is our last email unless we need to follow up on a pledge from you or to send our *"thank you"* follow up.

If you have already given and helped, MANY THANKS!!! If you are still looking for your niche, here are a couple of ways that you can help this year:

First, the Macomb Infant Preschool Program (MIPP) has noted that many Children (and parents) frequently come to their appointments without coats, hats and gloves/mittens because they do not own them. As a result, this is the fourth year that they are collecting NEW hats and gloves/mittens and **the FIRST year that we are collecting new and gently used coats to help these families!**

If you would like to donate any of these items, you can drop them off at the MIPP Millar building at: 37623 Garfield, Clinton Township between the hours of 8am-3:30pm or EMAIL ME and we can make arrangements for you to drop them off with me and I will get them to MIPP.

Second, If you are interested in helping financially, we hope that you will consider writing out your check or sending a PayPal (see below) immediately so

you don't forget. We are hoping to wrap up the majority of the shopping for our families by December 1st so that we can get everything wrapped and delivered prior to the winter break on the 15th.

Whether you can donate \$5 or \$1,000 or more, we will put it to the best use we can and the value that our combined funds and efforts can have to others who are struggling is tremendous. We pool all of the funds, enlist local business support and sponsorship, and meet as many of the needs of local families as possible.

Contributions can be made through PayPal or By Check!

Please make checks payable to the "Four County Community Foundation - Jamie's Smiles", or if you prefer you can also contribute items, but these will not be tax deductible. If you are willing to help, please email us with your commitment as soon as you can.

Contributions can be made through PayPal!

Contributions via PayPal can be made by [CLICKING HERE](#), input an amount, and select "Donate with PayPal". **Please know that we do NOT pay processing fees on PayPal contributions so this is a super fast and convenient way to make a contribution.**

To send a check, please make it out to "Four County Community Foundation - Jamie's Smiles (Christmas)" to us at: 141 S. Main Street, Suite A, Romeo, MI 48065. We need to know what our budget will be to make purchases, so please help us out by sending your check, PayPal, or email commitment by December 1st!

Need More Information or Want to Share with a Friend?

We LOVE new friends! For more information about Jamie's Smiles, please call Gretchen at 586-206-5556 or visit us on [Facebook](#) or on our regularly updated [Website](#) and please bear in mind that we also accept new left over Christmas wrapping paper to wrap the gifts donated and purchased.

Thank you for time, consideration and generosity,

The Bates Family & Jamie's Smiles
(Mark, Gretchen, Logan & Sidney)

CLICK HERE TO MAKE A DONATION VIA PAYPAL



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Adopted
Family,
Avalynn and
Her Parents,
Trying on the
Snowsuit,
Shoes and Hat
Made Possible
by Donations
Like Yours
through
Jamie's Smiles**

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