

Dear Friends of Jamie's Smiles,

"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you." - Mother Teresa.

This quote reminds me of the story of a boy and the starfish (included on a separate page) that I love and that has been a theme for my giving choices throughout my life. I hope that you will enjoy it as much as I do. It describes why Jamie's Smiles is inspired to keep going and to help even one child...one family...at a time! They are ALL important to us!! The starfish story is a good reminder that there is a lot of work to do AND that every bit of effort that we put in **DOES make a difference!**

I thank you for your help in blessing so many people this past holiday season. Over the past 17 years, **we have impacted over 18,200 lives**, changed the future for some, eased lives in difficult times, and made an impact on many people in families of children with special needs. **THANK YOU for your generosity and kindness in helping Jamie's Smiles create change and improve life for one child...one family at a time...over & OVER again!**

Jamie's Smiles chose to fully adopt a single family this year as we wanted to be able to prioritize food gift cards for additional families during the impactful and ongoing pandemic. Our friends at Target on Gratiot in Clinton Township also adopted a family through Jamie's Smiles and the Macomb Infant Preschool Program (MIPP).

In addition to the adoptions mentioned, we provided over \$6,000 in gift cards for food and other necessities. Due to space, only a few photos are shown, but the estimated retail value of the gifts & food cards that we were able to share with families through MIPP was over \$14,090. Jamie's Smiles raised and spent over \$8,500. Additionally, we estimate that your gifts have allowed us to touch the lives of over 317 people this winter alone!

We would like to thank you for your generosity! We could not do this without YOUR help and that of our corporate sponsors! Please shop with and frequent the partners mentioned here and consider supporting the following organizations as they too made contributions to help our families: Parish of St. Therese of Lisieux (Shelby Township), John Wood Group PLC, Target (Clinton Township), Thrivent Financial and the Thrivent Action Program, Kohl's (Shelby Township), Value Center Market (Clinton Township), and Dr. Don Ohlsson & Rochester Hills Dental Associates.



Some of the Gift Cards that Were Given Out to Help Families in Our Community!



Therapists from MIPP Preparing to Make Deliveries!



Derek is All Smiles with His Presents



David Enjoys His Christmas Gifts



Dominic & Derek Enjoying Opening Presents

YOUR GENEROSITY made it possible for us to supply the following items AND MORE to local families in need through MIPP:

- Winter coats
- Snow pants (each child)
- Hats, mittens/gloves
- Pajamas
- Winter clothing outfits for children & parents
- Sweaters and sweatshirts
- Socks, shoes & winter boots
- Push behind/ride on toys motor skill development toys
- Highchairs
- Car seats
- Sheet sets or crib sheets, a blanket, a comforter and a pillows as needed and appropriate
- Some personal care products
- Three or more learning toys and books per child
- Several small gift items for each child.

**Please note this list is NOT comprehensive. Items were supplied only on an as-needed basis.*

***Coats provided in November.*



THE PARISH OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

The Parish of St. Therese of Lisieux of Shelby Township joined us again this year as a *Corporate Sponsor* by supplying multiple car seats and highchairs, toys, blankets, sheets, conversion kits for three toddler beds, diapers, wipes, and more for our families!

Many Thanks for All that You Do Every Year!



JOHN WOOD GROUP PLC

John Wood Group PLC joined us for the first time this year as a *Corporate Sponsor*! Due to interest expressed by, and requests from their employees, John Wood Group PLC made a generous donation and made many children smile this past holiday season!

Welcome & Thank You for Your Sponsorship!



TARGET ON GRATIOT IN CLINTON TOWNSHIP

The Target on Gratiot in Clinton Township joined us for the first time this year as a *Corporate Sponsor* by supplying clothing, sheets, diapers, wipes, and more for a family and by donating a gift card to help additional families! Mom, Dad, Renee (age 2) and Gerold (7 months old) were the recipients of their generosity!

Thank You for Becoming a Corporate Sponsor!



THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Thrivent Financial has a community outreach program called "Thrivent Action Teams". Thrivent Action Teams helped Jamie's Smiles assist families this year with a contribution to "kick start" our adoptions. This is their first year supporting our mission and we thank them for their assistance!

Many Thanks for Your Generosity!



KOHL'S ON 26 MILE IN SHELBY TOWNSHIP

THANK YOU to our long-term partner in helping children and Corporate Sponsor, Kohl's "A Team", which is a part of the "Kohl's Cares for Kids" program. They sponsored our families by giving us a significant discount on everything this year as well as wrapping some of our gifts!

Thank You! We Value Your Partnership!

THANK YOU!!!

Jamie's Smiles, our adopted family members, and the dozens of other families that were helped with gift cards for food would like to thank every individual, organization & corporation involved this year!

Please visit us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/JamiesSmiles/> or our website at www.JamiesSmiles.org for updates about our adopted families & other important information.



Tammi from Target Partnering with Gretchen from Jamie's Smiles to Adopt an Additional Family



Family Adopted by Target Mom, Dad, Renee (Age 2) And Gerold (7 mo.)



Gerold Enjoying His Holiday Blessings!



Renee Experiencing Holiday Joy



One of Many Packed Truckloads of Gifts Being Delivered to MIPP

