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## Our Adoption is In Full Gear...Can you Help?

### Dear Friends:

As you may expect, we have delivered the family's coats, hats, gloves, shoes and boots because the weather is changing. We also did our initial purchase at Kohl's on November 14th.

### Our Adopted Family: Ivy's Family

To refresh your memory, we are adopting Ivy, (13 months), her two sisters Elodie (Age 3) and Aliyah (age 8), Mom (27), and Dad (28) and Mom's brother Kristian (Age 20) who lives with them.

**So far this year we have raised 51% of the funds that**

**we raised last year, but the needs of the community are every bit as significant as last year. We have also applied for grants and other sources of additional funding.**

Last year we touched the lives of approximately 381 people through our holiday adoption program. Some were adopted in a BIG way and others were given car seats, high chairs, hats, coats, gloves, 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 very thankful!! We are hoping to help the same number of folks again this year!!

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 and have been creative in looking into additional sources of funds.

We also have many children and family members coming into MIPP without winter coats, hats and gloves. 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 fifth year that they are collecting NEW hats and gloves/mittens and the FIRST year that **we are collecting new and gently used coats freshly washed** 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 beginning on December 1st (they are off next week for the holiday

since this is a year round program) 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 5th so that we can get everything wrapped and delivered prior to the winter break on the 18th.

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 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 our final purchases, so please help us out by sending your check, PayPal, or email commitment by December 5th!

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](#)



**This Year's Adopted Family, Ivy and Her Sister,  
Trying on the Coats and Hats Made Possible by  
Donations Like Yours through Jamie's Smiles**

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