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December 17, 2004

Dr. Linda Ghent
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Dear Linda,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of the new gifts you and Erik Pizer delivered to Catholic Charities this week from the toy drive sponsored by the EIU Economics Club. I cannot overstate how appreciative we are that annually our agency can count on your support of our local "Christmas for Kids" outreach.

I mentioned that we will assist over 300 children in Coles, Douglas and Edgar counties this Christmas. Each family has demonstrated a genuine need and it is safe to assume that without our help these parents, because of unemployment, failing health and financial hardship, would not have the means to provide gifts to their children. Students and faculty who donated to the drive will certainly make Christmas brighter for many area families this year. I hope you will extend our heartfelt appreciation to them.

I submitted the enclosed photo to the Mattoon, Charleston and EIU newspapers this week, and posted it to our agency website at www.cc.dio.org. May God bless you this Christmas and throughout 2005, Linda.

Kindest Regards,

Michael G. Woolworth
Area Director

Enclosure



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