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Dear Tom and Team:

We hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year! Thanks to your generosity, the City was able to help over 900 families in need enjoy their holidays by providing a meal for Thanksgiving and over 2000 children with a gift for December! YOU made this record-breaking season a very happy one with your continued support to the City of Gaithersburg's Holiday Giving Program.

There are many reasons we are grateful. Thanks to the collaboration of Calvary Pentecostal Ministries and various other area congregations, over 300 families were able to come together on Thanksgiving Day for a Community Feast. An additional 400 families were invited to a food distribution and took home groceries purchased through the S.H.A.R.E Food Network. Over 300 City families were sponsored by caring community members and organizations. High Point Events prepared and donated a full Thanksgiving meal for a City senior residential community again this year. Every person referred to the program was served and we were able to help more last minute referrals than in the past.

For the December holidays, nearly 2000 children were served. Some families were invited to a distribution and received gift cards, holiday gift bags, books, and a fruit bag donated by Gaithersburg HELP. We partnered with Kmart and their Kmart Kares program made a contribution to the program by providing us with a 10% donation of our total purchase. Their donation allowed our office to purchase toys and for the first time in years, every child walked away with a toy, two books, and older children with gift cards! Championing the cause were Grace United Methodist Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Discover Books, Pinky and Pepe's Grape Escape and Toys for Tots. Other families were sponsored by congregations, businesses, service groups, and individuals. Community members and City staff came together and made financial contributions and donated their time and talents to serve families in need. This event couldn't have been made possible without the help of over 80 volunteers who dedicated their time to help those in need.

Again, please know we couldn't have done this without you. Thank you for helping the City make the holidays a bit brighter for Gaithersburg families.

Sincerely,

Lisette Y. Orellana
Community Services, City of Gaithersburg

Tax Deductible Donation: Donation of over 20 toys to the Gaithersburg Holiday Giving Program.

No goods or services were provided by the City in return for the contribution.

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