



YOUR DONATIONS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

By Nick Schneider, Community Relations Director

Because of your donations, 315 gifts were given to 45 foster children and residents. Each youth received approximately seven gifts each. Some of the donated gifts also came from the Open Arms gift registries with Amazon and Target.

The money that remained after the gifts were purchased and wrapped in beautiful paper by staff and volunteers will go into a special fund that will be available throughout the coming year to provide birthday gifts and purchase necessary personal items for the group home residents and foster children. This provides important help to the residents and foster children without impacting the general budget.

This has been made possible by the generosity of our donors. This biblical generosity is stressed in 2 Corinthians 9:6-9 (NLT), which reads, "Remember this - a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."



NEEDS



This month, Open Arms Christian Ministries is in immediate need of the following donated items:

- Dish rags
• Dish soap
• Cleaning supplies
• Socks (male and female),
• Men's underwear (size small, medium and large)
• Sport's bras, (size small, medium, large and extra large)
• Trash bags (any size)
• Office supplies including: copy paper, brown expandable folders for foster care files, scotch tape, pocket folders, trash bags and file folders.



PRAYERS/PRAISES



Praises! God's amazing provisions for those we serve. Prayers. The residents, who are struggling with loss during the holidays. That all our staff will be healed of all the various health issues.

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