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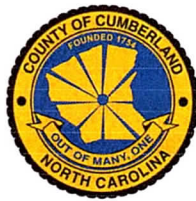
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Dear Partner,

Cumberland County Department of Social Services currently serves over 900 children in foster care who have been removed from their families because of abuse, neglect or dependency. The holidays can be a very difficult time for many of these children. In an effort to remind our foster children that they are special, we are partnering with the community to ensure that these children are not forgotten during the holiday season.

We need your assistance to create a joyful season for children in foster care. We are seeking churches, local businesses, and organizations to assist us with providing holiday gifts or gift cards for children of all ages. We understand that you cannot help every child in our custody, but we welcome and appreciate all that you can do. Every little bit helps and makes a significant impact in the lives of our foster children.

If you would like to donate gifts and gift cards to our children in foster care, you may bring them to Cumberland County Department of Social Services at 1225 Ramsey St. We will be more than happy to come to your church or organization to pick up donations if you are unable to deliver them to CCDSS. ***We would like to receive all donations between December 1, 2020, and December 7, 2020, to ensure that we have ample time to distribute the gifts to our children before the Holidays.***

We are also asking this year that toys be dropped off on the side of the building across from parking lot B. There is a side door that will be available for toys to be dropped off to help maintain as much social distancing as possible in an effort to keep our vendors as well as staff safe in this COVID environment.

The toys that we could use mostly this year are larger items. For example: Baby dolls, doll houses, games, bicycles, stuff animals, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, educational toys, cars, trucks, action figures, Lego's, Barbie dolls, coloring books and age appropriate toys for infant and toddlers just to name a few. Please attempt to minimize the number of small toys donated as they can be choking hazard for small children.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 910-677-2551 or [ChristopherGreen@ccdssnc.com](mailto:ChristopherGreen@ccdssnc.com) or my Supervisor, Latanya Burgan, at 910-677-2535 or [LatanyaBurgan@ccdssnc.com](mailto:LatanyaBurgan@ccdssnc.com).

It is only with the collaboration and support of the entire community that the Cumberland County Department of Social Services can continue to make a positive difference for the children of Cumberland County. Thank you in advance for partnering with our agency to spread holiday

*We stand united to strengthen individuals and families and to protect children and vulnerable adults...*