

**Child, Family and Adult Services**

Michelle Callejas, Director



**Divisions**

Child Protective Services  
Senior and Adult Services  
Department Administration

**County of Sacramento**

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February 3, 2023

St. Michael's Church  
Attn: Reverend Mary Claugus  
2140 Mission Avenue  
Carmichael CA 95608

Dear Reverend Mary Claugus:

On behalf of the Gifts from the Heart Program (GFTH), thank you so much for your congregation's generous sponsorship of 30 seniors, 20 disabled adults and 70 children/youth served by the Department of Child, Family & Adult Services (DCFAS). Your donation is tax deductible using the County of Sacramento Tax I.D. #:94-6000529. Your contributions ensured that, during these difficult economic times, we were able to continue to provide holiday gifts to clients served by our department.

In 2022, GFTH was able to provide holiday gifts to over **3,000 children, seniors and disabled adult clients** served by our department. Thanks to generous sponsors like you, these clients know that they are respected and valued by their community. Your donation brought happiness and light to our clients, who often experience adversity and hardship during the holiday season.

Attached are thank you letters sent in by clients who were sponsored by St. Michael's. I hope that these letters bring a smile to your face, and help you to know the profound impact of your donation on the children, youth, disabled adults and seniors that we serve. Please know that all gifts are appreciated, even though many recipients are not able to write a thank you letter.

Thank you again for caring enough to donate gifts to this remarkable program. 2023 will be the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gifts from the Heart, and you are part of what has kept this program so strong throughout the years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tonja Edelman", is written over a blue circular stamp.

Tonja Edelman, Coordinator  
Gifts from the Heart Program  
Department of Child, Family & Adult Services

Thank you, Santa!

Thank you so much  
santa ♡ ☺

Arabella

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Love,

Giuliana<sup>C</sup> + Arabella<sup>B</sup> Age 12, 5

CPS Worker Name Gracelda Torres

If you enjoyed your holiday gift, Santa would like to hear from you! Give this letter to your Social Worker, or use the attached self-addressed, stamped envelope to mail it to: **Gifts from the Heart, P.O. Box 269057, Sacramento, CA 95826-9057.**

Thank you, Santa!

For everything. You made  
our day.



Love,

Brianna G

Age 11 month

CPS Worker Name

Gracelda Torres

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Thank you, Santa!

Thank you Santa ♡ you!



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Love,

Noah B.

Age 10 months

CPS Worker Name

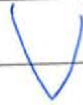
Gracelda Torres

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Thank you, Santa!

Thank you very much Santa



Love,

King B.

Age 7

CPS Worker Name Gricelda Torres

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*Thank you, Santa!*

thank you so much  
I'm very grateful  
for my gifts



*Love,*

*Paul*

*Age 17*

CPS Worker Name *bob walker*

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Thank you, Santa!

Thank you so much  
for all of the wonderful  
gifts for Jordan. She  
was so thrilled to  
open each gift.



We hope you had a  
beautiful holiday season. Thank  
you for making hers extra  
special!

Love,

Jordan

Age 8½

CPS Worker Name Deaster

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*Thank you, Santa!*

I was so excited to  
receive my gifts! The  
stuffy bear is so soft,  
I like to snuggle and  
chew on his scarf. My new remote  
makes lots of fun sounds that I  
dance too. My new Santa bag holds  
my favorite books. I chew on those too!  
I am so loved! Thank you.



P.S. My brother tried to eat this  
letter.

*Love,*

Zeydon B. [REDACTED]

Age 1

CPS Worker Name DEASTER ST CHARLES

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Dear Holiday Sponsor,

You have good action to send for us some souvenirs, So I and my daughter represented your good sentiments for your good sentiment to have good souvenirs when we haven't participation direct to you.



Thank you very much and souhaite you good health and good prosperitif fortable to us every day.

DCFA's volunteer services good marche in the society

12-7-22

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SW: Heather Dang

County Social Worker Name PHAN N.  and LANG 

If you enjoyed your special gifts please take a moment to let our sponsor know by writing a short thank you note and return it to: **Gifts From The Heart, P.O. Box 269057, Sacramento CA 95826-9057.**





Dear Holiday Sponsor,

I Really Appreciate all the wonderful  
Gifts you sent to me. I really need  
a new Bath Robe, and Grey is one  
of my favorite colors. I just want to  
say thank you very much for ever thing.

Terry O. [REDACTED]

County Social Worker Name Kate Cher

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12-2022

Dear Holiday Sponsor,

I would like to say Thank you  
for the beautiful gifts that were  
brought to me Even in the colors  
that I love

May God richly bless each one of  
you for your kindness  
Each gift is beautiful and so very  
nice!

Much Love + Prayers  
Erlyn B. [REDACTED]

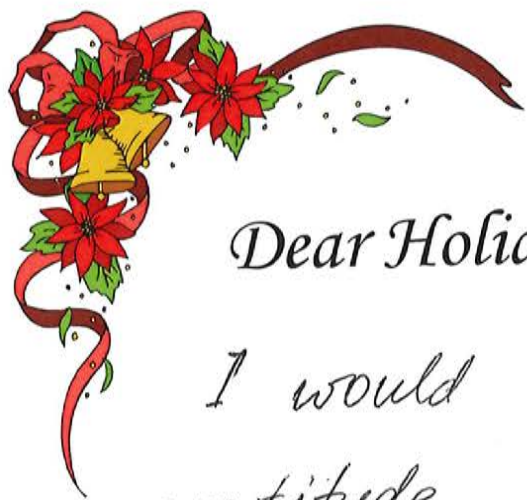
County Social Worker Name Lilit Horhannissyan

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Thank you Mr Don Nottoli for bringing the gifts



Merry Christmas



Dear Holiday Sponsor,

I would like to express my gratitude for the gifts you provided. Your support, thoughtfulness and consideration means much to me, and I am thankful for your generosity. Your kindness is appreciated, and I am grateful for the work that you do.

Sincerely Tamara V. [REDACTED]

County Social Worker Name Svetlana Chernetsky

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Dear Holiday Sponsor,

Дуже дякую Вам,  
за добре серце, розуміння,  
підтримку.

Божих Вам благословень,  
щасливих і веселих свят  
Христос Народився!  
слава йому!

Taisiya S. [REDACTED]

Translation:

Thank you very much for your  
good heart, your support and wonderful  
presents!

God bless you! Merry Christmas and  
happiness your families!

County Social Worker Name Taisiya Kagan

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thank you note and return it to: **Gifts From The Heart, P.O. Box 269057, Sacramento CA 95826-9057.**





Dec 22, 22

Dear Holiday Sponsor,

I am writing this letter of thanks with my new pens that were part of my holiday package.

It means a great deal to be remembered at the holiday time as the IHHS packages are often the only giftings for this disabled senior citizens. Its always a highlight to share some time with my health worker and afterwards open my surprise gifts that are always something I can use and/or enjoy. Somehow the IHHS team always seems to know my needs :) The visit always brings warm holiday cheer and a smile to my face. This is a GREAT program and turns what can often be very gloomy times and makes them brighter. Its nice to see packages set out full of surprises for the holiday morning.

Sincerest Thanks,

Christine R. [REDACTED] (please keep name private)

County Social Worker Name Chandra Merritt - Best Social Worker EVER HAD !!

If you enjoyed your special gifts please take a moment to let our sponsor know by writing a short thank you note and return it to: **Gifts From The Heart, P.O. Box 269057, Sacramento CA 95826-9057.**







Dear Holiday Sponsor,

Thank you so much for sponsoring me this year. It was an unexpected special surprise. This year has been especially tough for me and this gift was a much needed light in my life at a particularly trying time and really lifted my spirits. It may seem like a small gesture to someone else, but words cannot express how much this gesture means to me. Thank you for being you and for sharing your kindheartedness this holiday season. Wishing you and your family happy holidays and a wonderful new year.

All my best,

Tom L

County Social Worker Name Olga

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Dear Holiday Sponsor,  
I AM SO greatful for my  
christmas presents it Brought  
Joy to my life it was  
Such a special Day I ENJOYED  
all the gifts. Thank you  
for making my Holiday a JOY.  
it touch my heart That  
People really care GOD Bless  
you guys Amen.

TONY RAY M [REDACTED]!!!  
Merry christmas

County Social Worker Name MARILU SIGUENZA - His 1<sup>st</sup> gifts in 10 yrs

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thank you note and return it to: **Gifts From The Heart, P.O. Box 269057, Sacramento CA 95826-9057.**







*Dear Holiday Sponsor,*

12/7/22

I received the  
gifts and I want to  
express my thanks.  
May God Bless you all.

Andriene T [REDACTED]

County Social Worker Name Debra Garcia

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12/7/22

*Dear Holiday Sponsor,*

I'm writing the letter  
for Bruce [REDACTED] who  
is my roommate, he wants  
to thank you for the gifts.  
May God Bless you all.

County Social Worker Name Debra Garcia

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Dear Holiday Sponsor,

I would like to thank you  
for your very kind gift - it  
was very nice to be thought  
of, and these were things that  
I really needed in my home.

Thank You

Gerson U. [REDACTED]

County Social Worker Name Lilia Mordina

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