



St. Francis
community services
SOUTHSIDE CENTER



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Dear Friend of St. Francis Community Services,

At St. Francis Community Services, we are so happy to welcome the coming holiday season, because we really need some light and hope right about now. I'm not going to lie to you. It has been a very tough year for our clients. Immigrant families who were already marginalized feel more anxious and unwelcome than ever. But you work to combat that message with your open and willing hearts when you participate in our annual Adopt a Family for Christmas Program. We are truly bolstered by those of you who return year after year to give immigrant families a message of love, and we are encouraged by new donors who find our program and want to share the spirit of the holiday with a family they have never even met!

If you would like to participate in the Adopt a Family for Christmas program by adopting a family at our Southside location this holiday season, please complete and return the attached Donor Registration Form. Then we will send you information about a specific immigrant family in the community, including their needs as well as their introduction of their family to you. Then we will see you in mid-December when you drop off gifts at our site.

Also, last year we had so much fun having you all participate in our Christmas Party for Southside families that we are extending the invitation again this year! When we send you information about your adopted family, we will also send information about the party and opportunities to get involved—anything from running a game booth, doing some face painting, or helping serve food. Coming to the party is a great way to connect with the families at our Southside location. You may even get to see Santa!

As we continue to expand programming and more families seek our services, the need for people like you continues to grow! We have more families than ever this year that we are hoping to have adopted, and we appreciate your support in making that happen.

Sincerely,

Meredith L. Rataj
Site Director