



**St. Francis**  
community services  
SOUTHSIDE CENTER



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Dear Friend of St. Francis Community Services,

This year, we have been moved to see so many people rally around the immigrant families at St. Francis Community Services to honor the dignity of these members of the community. So many of you have advocated to make the world a better place for people in our midst that are marginalized, using your power to focus attention on where we as a society can do better. At St. Francis Community Services, we see the holiday season as another opportunity to strive to be our best by building relationships so that neighbors can meet neighbors and be reminded of how we all need each other.

One of the ways we try to foster community this time of year is through our Adopt a Family for Christmas Program. If you would like to participate 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 St. Louis, including their introduction of their family to you. Then we will see you in mid-December when you drop off gifts at our site. *We are also seeking partners this year who will send Schnucks gift cards to provide our Vietnamese Elders with some help for a special holiday dinner.* This option works well for those people who cannot adopt a whole family but still want to be involved.

Another opportunity for connecting is at our Christmas party in early December. When we send you information about your adopted family, we will also send information about the party and how to get involved. Several of our donors have participated in the past as a great way to plug in with the families at our Southside location. You can be part of our end-of-year festivities that include food, games, and Santa!

Thank you for being a part of what makes our community so great at the holiday and throughout the rest of the year—coming together to honor the best in each other. We can't wait to meet you or see you again this December!

Sincerely,

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Site Director