

Connecticut Chapter of the Indiana University Alumni Association's Second Annual Adopt-a-Family Event

Since last year's "Adopt a Family" was such an overwhelming success, we have decided again to partner with the Coordinating Council for Children in Crisis Inc. to make the holidays a brighter for a local family. Our Hoosier pride was evident by the generosity of so many of our members. This proved to be the event that so many were proud of, and it is really a great way for us to pull together once again. Your support will bring a smile to the face of this family and let them know that someone cares.

Here is a story about the family and some items that are on their Christmas list:

Tikkiki is 29 years old and the mother of three children. She moved to get away from an extremely abusive and violent relationship with the father of the children. The father does not see his children or provide for them financially. Tikkiki was in school studying to be a medical assistant, but had to drop out because she had no babysitter. Now that her youngest son is in school, she has been filling out job applications every week but has not been hired anywhere yet. Tikkiki is from New York has lived in Connecticut for three years and has no family here. She is trying to provide for her children on her own.

Malikhi is a wonderful five-year-old little boy. His Christmas list includes:

- * A coat size 7/8, hat, scarf and gloves
- * Jeans size 7/8
- * Wrestlers
- * Anything Spiderman
- * Bike
- * Educational toys
- * Bathrobe
- * Chutes & Ladders
- * Candyland

Elijah is a very energetic 10-year-old boy. His Christmas list includes:

- * Coat size XL-XXL 16-18 boys
- * Jeans, 18-20 boys
- * Monopoly,
- * Sorry Sliders
- * Long sleeve shirts, XL-XXL
- * Bathrobe

Niesha is a beautiful 12-year-old girl who wears a size 16 to 18 in girls' sizes. Her Christmas list includes:

- * Books
- * Coat
- * Jeans
- * Bathrobe
- * Bratz doll
- * Hannah Montana CD
- * Hannah Montana pillows/dolls
- * Baby Alive
- * Trivial Pursuit
- * Uno

Tikkiki's Christmas list includes:

- * Bathrobe
- * Dish set
- * Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, Sears, Marshalls, Burlington Coat Factory, or TJ Maxx

How this works: Please select a gift from one of the items above. Wrap the item and label with the child or mother's name and drop off or mail to Susan Goszewski at the following address:

Susan K. Goszewski
225 Oregon Road
Cheshire, CT 06410

If you prefer, you may send a check made payable to the CT Chapter of the IU Alumni Association and send to the above address by Dec. 4 and we will do the shopping for you.

We are hoping to have a fair number of gifts for each of the above family members. Please contact Sue at goszews@gmail.com to see which items have been purchased and which items are still needed. Additional information can be obtained by calling (203) 430-0712.

Thank you for your participation!

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