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Sharing the Holiday Spirit with Presbyterian Children's Village Christmas Gifts Needed for At-Risk Children

(Rosemont, PA) The 2009 holiday season is almost upon us, a time to think of those in far more desperate straits than we ourselves. Through the generosity of many churches, businesses, schools and individuals, the Presbyterian Children's Village provides Christmas gifts and needed items to more than 1000 at-risk youths and more than 100 needy families in the Philadelphia area .

If you have gifts to donate, please contact the Presbyterian Children's Village development office at 610-519-1615 or email Christmas@pcv.org. Gifts may be delivered to the Village during business hours anytime from now until December 18, 2009. Items should be **NEW** and should be delivered *unwrapped*. Here are some ways you can help:

- Donate gifts for children 0 to 19 years of age who receive residential or community-based services through Presbyterian Children's Village. There is a particular need for gifts for teens. The Village wish list includes many gift ideas, large and small, including much appreciated gift cards. The wish list may be downloaded at pcv.org (under Wish Lists) or call 610-519-1615.
- Donate gift cards or cash for food, clothing, and other essentials. The most useful denomination is \$25 gift certificates
- Donate household items for families in need. These can range from small appliances and kitchen utensils to linens to larger household needs.
- Donate wrapping paper or medium/large gift bags.

Most of the children that the Village serves come from neighborhoods where violence and poverty are daily realities. The current economic climate has only heightened the need for an out-stretched hand to help nurture and support them. By offering necessities and amenities these families cannot provide for themselves, you provide a ray of hope in the face of challenges most of us can only imagine.

Founded as an orphanage in 1877, Presbyterian Children's Village today is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the healing of the spirits of children, families and communities broken by violence, addiction, poverty, mental illness, racism and other serious societal problems. The Village serves more than 7,000 children each year in the greater Philadelphia area.

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