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Cumberland County Children and Youth Services Make Children's Holidays Brighter

Cumberland County's Juvenile Probation Office Donates Trees and Bikes for Needy Kids

Carlisle, PA – For more than 21 years, Cumberland County Children and Youth Services has been organizing and distributing gifts to children who are going through difficult times. This year, the department is able to donate to more than 300 children because of the generosity of county employees, residents, and businesses in the county.

Children and Youth Services, a social service agency, will deliver the gifts to the children throughout the weeks leading up to the holidays as caseworkers visit the children.

"This year, the holidays are even more important for our children," said Necole McElwee, Cumberland County Children and Youth Services Administrator. "Not only is it rewarding for caseworkers and staff, but parents and caregivers are extremely appreciative and grateful for the support of this agency to be able to provide a gift during the holiday season."

Without the generosity of our donors, the department would not be able to reach as many children. Donations include; Baby Feet Child Care, Campusdoor, Capital Blue Cross, Carlisle United Methodist Church, Cumberland County Employees, Encompass Health, Highmark Inc., King family, Normand family, Newburg First Church of God, Pryor family, Rider family, Shiremanstown Church of God, Young's United Methodist Church, Welch family and the West family.

Cumberland County Juvenile Probation Office

In addition, the Cumberland County Juvenile Probation Office helped six families in need deck the halls for the holidays with porch delivery of live Christmas trees, donated by Elicker's Tree

Farm in Dillsburg, and provided all the supplies needed to decorate and set up the tree. The office also donated eight bicycles to children in need, donated by Recycle Bicycle in Harrisburg.

Children and Youth Services provides professional social services in order to protect the safety and welfare of children, preserve, support and strengthen the family and identify alternative care, a safe environment and a permanent home for those children unable to remain in their home.

If residents want to make a referral, contact 717.240.6120 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. When the office is closed, contact Cumberland County Communications at 717.243.4121; in Carlisle, 717.238.9676 from the West Shore; and 717.532.8878 from the Shippensburg area.

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