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Children and Youth Services Help Make More than 400 Children's Holidays Brighter

Carlisle, PA – For 20 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 was able to donate holiday presents to 425 children due to the generosity of its staff, 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.

“The holidays are of the best times of the year for our department,” said Necole McElwee, Cumberland County Children and Youth Services administrator. “Not only is it rewarding to caseworkers and staff, but parents and caregivers are extremely appreciative and grateful of the support of this agency to be able to provide a gift during the holiday season.”

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.

Without the generosity of businesses, churches, Cumberland County employees, and other individuals, the department would not be able to reach as many children.

Donations from the following include: AgChoice, Allen Distribution, Baby Feet Child Care, Capital Blue Cross, Carlisle United Methodist Church, Claremont Nursing & Rehabilitation, Cumberland County employees and families, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Mechanicsburg, Highmark, Inc., Wendy King Family, Marion Mennonite Church, New Hope Church of God, Newburg First Church of God, Janelle Normand, Renewed Beginnings, Shiremanstown First Church of God, Cindy Villanella, Welch Family, Young's United Methodist Church.

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Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the state, while providing exceptional services for its more than 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.