



Helping people with developmental and other disabilities contribute to their communities

Holiday Spirit is Alive and Thriving in Monadnock Region

Jan 8, 2006...The holiday spirit is alive and thriving in the Monadnock region. Thanks to the kindness and generosity of a stellar group of individuals, businesses and organizations, Christmas was a whole lot brighter for dozens of families supported by Monadnock Developmental Services.

Employees of Kennedy Information Systems in Peterborough sponsored five area families, providing an astonishing array of toys, clothing, books, certificates and gift cards to make Christmas brighter for them. The Blais family and Blais Realtors and their Associates provided gifts for two families and several children. Dunkin' Donuts of Keene and the Teofilo Salema family provided gifts for a local family, as did the Richard Clarke family and Clarke Distributors. Other companies who sponsored individual families were Harborside Healthcare of Sharon and Keene's Super Eight Motel. The parishioners of St. Margaret Mary Church filled a Giving Tree that provided toys for some four dozen children. Armadillo's in Keene hosted a Giving Tree so that its customers could join in the holiday spirit – these furnished gifts for nearly 40 children and 17 families. Toys for Tots and Douglas Toys donated dozens of stuffed animals for MDS children. And the Community Kitchen provided numerous nutritious food baskets for both Thanksgiving and Christmas for MDS families in need. The staff of MDS, the West family and many other wonderful community members also gave gifts to help make a better Christmas for families in need in our region.

On behalf of everyone at MDS and the individuals and families we work with, we thank all of you for your generosity and good will.

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