



What's Happening at Abbott House

News Bites About Staff and Friends Who Help Us Meet Our Mission

Happy New Year!



Holiday Drive Delivers Hope

In a year filled with so much hardship, our annual holiday gift drive became a bright spot! The simple act of receiving a gift can restore hope - and remind children and adults in our care that they are not alone and that they matter. We were worried that this important effort might be impacted due to the pandemic, but boy were we wrong!

Thanks to this collaboration between our dedicated agency staff and hundreds of big-hearted donors, volunteers and community members, we collected and matched more than 1,200 gifts with children and adults in care. This includes more than 600 Community School children residing in shelters. Together we made a big difference in a lot of lives!

We want to thank in a special way **The Junior League of Central Westchester, MSD Capitol, Donorbase, Irvington Hardware, Holy Family Parish, The Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Cuddy & Feder, Medwell Spa, A Foster's Hope, Memorial Sloan Kettering, Jesse Ruggiere, The Richter Family, Terri Hoy, Nick Foy, James Oley, Lake Group Media, People's United Bank, Planting Hope + Love - and so many others who participated in this effort.**

We also want to send a special thank you to Lori Cohen, our amazing friend, volunteer, and self-proclaimed "Jewish Santa," who spent weeks organizing gifts, opening Amazon packages, and fulfilling wish lists. Her dedication to the children and adults of Abbott House is nothing short of remarkable.



Staff Go the Distance to Spread Cheer

In a year of hurdles, we also faced the inability to safely host holiday celebrations for our foster families, something we look forward to each year. **However, our devoted staff took the initiative to plan multiple drive-thru events at our various campuses that allowed families to pick up their gifts and experience holiday cheer while still following all COVID-19 precautions.** There was music playing, festive outfits, and plenty of smiles to go around!

To **EVERYONE** who dropped off gifts, purchased items off our Amazon wish list, hosted toy drives, and volunteered to help us sort and bundle presents: Please know that you made the holidays brighter for everyone in our care. We can't thank you enough.

ACT-SO Coalition Provides Essential Donation

Abbott House was proud to "welcome home" Ingraham Taylor, a former staff member, who is now the Regional President of the ACT-SO Coalition (Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics), a program that supports the NAACP youth efforts by recruiting and mentoring high school students of color throughout the country.

ACT-SO Student representative Olivia, a Senior at Ursuline High School and accomplished musician who attends Julliard, presented our CEO, James L. Kaufman, with a donation of 200 pairs of Bombas socks for the children and adults of Abbott House. Socks are an essential need, not only during the cold winter months, but all through the year.



Thank you so much to ACT-SO for your incredible work in inspiring youth to realize their dreams and to never forget the importance of "giving back."

**We hope you are remaining safe and healthy, and as always,
thank you for continuing to support Abbott House. Cheers to 2021!**



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