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*Giving  
Guide*

2024

# *Warm greetings and heartfelt wishes for a joyful holiday season!*

As the holiday season approaches, we find ourselves reflecting on the spirit of giving and the profound impact it can have on families in our community. I invite you to imagine a single mother of three, juggling two jobs and working tirelessly to create a joyful Christmas for her children.

Just as she begins to feel a sense of hope, her car's transmission fails. With no other means of transportation and her job located just outside of town, she is faced with a difficult decision: use her hard-earned savings to repair her car or buy presents for her kids. Understanding the necessity of having a reliable vehicle to provide for her family, she opts for the repairs.

However, while her car is being fixed, she discovers that her home's heater is also on the fritz. It's winter, and with no other source of heat, she realizes she must use the last of her savings to cover another unexpected \$500 bill. Alone in a new area, without family or a strong support system, she feels overwhelmed and hopeless. Despite her relentless efforts to provide for her children, it seems impossible to get ahead.

In a moment of vulnerability, she shares her struggles with her therapist at Spero Counseling and Wellness. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, her therapist is able to provide support that allows her to purchase a few gifts for her children this Christmas, lifting at least a small burden off her shoulders.

Most of us have experienced moments in our lives when it feels like we are drowning, and we have been fortunate enough to have a support system to help us through those times. Unfortunately, many individuals face overwhelming challenges without the same safety net. This is where your kindness and generosity can make a world of difference.

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Because of supporters like you, Spero Family Services can offer vital resources to families in need, providing hope and support when they need it most. Even small contributions can have a significant impact on someone's life, transforming not only their holiday season but also their outlook on life.

This holiday season, as you consider your charitable giving, we humbly ask you to remember the families we serve at Spero Family Services. Your contribution can help ensure that no child goes without joy on Christmas morning and that parents feel supported in their times of need.

Thank you for your continued support and for believing in the power of community. Together, we can create a brighter future for those who are struggling.

Warmest wishes for a joyful holiday season,

*Ranee Kujawa*  
Development Director

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TO DONATE TODAY.**

HERE ARE A FEW WAYS YOUR  
CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

**Education and Enrichment:** Your donation can provide educational resources, tutoring, and enrichment activities that will empower children like Sarah to unlock their full potential and pursue their dreams.

**Therapeutic Support:** By supporting our therapy programs, you can help provide individual and group counseling sessions, art therapy, and other therapeutic interventions, giving children the tools, they need to heal and grow.

**Spiritual Growth:** Your generous contribution can make a meaningful impact on our Spiritual Life Coordinator, Rev. Gina Ellis, as she acquires essential resources and materials for her weekly spiritual life program with the youth. With your support, she can effectively guide individuals towards healing and foster a deeper connection with God.

**Recreational Activities:** Your donation can help fund outings and recreational activities that allow children to experience joy, build social skills, and create lasting memories during their time at Spero.

*\$25-A Gift of Recognition:* Rewards for Our Campus Youth to Celebrate Success

*\$50-A Gift of Faith:* Bibles for Kids in the Bright Start Early Learning Center

*\$100-A Gift of Christmas Joy:* Provides Gifts on Christmas Morning for Families that Are Struggling Financially

*\$250-A Gift of Healing:* Sponsors Sand Tray Therapy Sessions at The Spero Counseling & Wellness Center for a Child Suffering from Trauma

*\$500-A Gift of Play:* Supports Sports Equipment At Residential Campus