Dear Hill Country Christmas Bureau Patron,

Words seem insufficient to express our gratitude for your gift to Hill Country Christmas Bureau. Imagine, as we often do, the smiles of delight on children's faces, the chuckles and laughter, and the sighs of contentment on each child opened their eyes early Christmas morning. You have demonstrated Christmas as a time to love through various ways to over 450 families, the elderly, and thousands of children.

During a year of tight budgeting restraints, there was so much generosity that we were overwhelmed. People contributed to the Hill Country Christmas Bureau monetarily; adopting a family (sometime multiple families!); and giving of food, new clothing and toys – all these things contributed to great success!

The list of volunteers is immense. Never have we had so many working with such energy to help others!

One request that struck us this year as we heard it repeatedly was from families. The children, of course, wanted a new toy, a bike or some other item to call their own. Sometime their childish requests mirrored their parents' concerns. They wanted heat for their home, shoes for cold feet, and warm blankets for their beds or help to pay the house or apartment rent. This was heard more often this year than last year.

We look forward to your support in Christmas 2015 and want to say THANK YOU! We appreciate your contributions that made Christmas 2014 such a success. Know this for certain in our ever-changing world: your gift has made a tremendous difference in the lives of others. May the New Year of 2015 return your kindness and love tenfold.

Sincerely,

Dianne

Dianne Gattuso
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