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Praise God!

Hi!

I am enclosing photos of the evening for you to share with your team. Please be mindful (and make sure everyone else is) of the confidentiality of these children and of the fact that their images cannot be distributed or used for promotional purposes. You may also share any or all of the following with them.

Thank you so much for everything that WTH's did to contribute to the great success of the Christmas party for children in foster care.

We had over 170 people that were blessed by the evening and 92 children that were completely sponsored for Christmas. Each child received between \$150-\$300 worth of gifts...most receiving everything on their "wish lists!" Two brothers received a brand new eMachine computer plus other goodies...all donated! There were thousand's of dollars in gift cards, toys, iPods, Wii systems, basketball goals and so much more. Families were also treated to a "Christmas Store" where they were able to choose additional items for their kids. Most importantly, these families received a touch from God through every hand that shared their finances, time, gifts, hugs and handshakes.

Towards the end of the evening, a foster mother stopped by my office to ask about my adoption experience. After giving her my contact information, I asked if she minded sharing some feedback concerning her experience. She said that in her 6 years of fostering, this was the nicest event that she had ever attended and that 'love' greeted her at the door. She was blessed by all of the activities and care offered to the children, ESPECIALLY by the DJ's who allowed the children to spin music but kept it clean and professional.

1 John says that "the Spirit testifies of Christ". Although WTH's is secular by definition, never negate this organization's ability to "testify of Christ" without ever pulling out a bible or even mentioning His name! Keep your eyes on the prize! I know there is some fine-tuning to do concerning various facets of the business that can be frustrating at times but you are a young organization. You will get there. Take a minute to identify what you can do better next time and then spend the rest of your time meditating on all that you have succeeded in. In Genesis, Jacob took branches, peeled off strips of bark, and placed them in front of the place where the flocks drank and mated. As they reproduced, they gave birth to young that were streaked. This is how he built his flock. This is how he became wealthy. Guard your focus! It is what you will reproduce.

Next time, we will work on having information cards available and a clearer agenda for those involved. For now, meditate on the fact that tonight was truly a demonstration of all that can be accomplished "with these hands"!!!(collectively)

Love Always! Shannon C.