Local Nonprofit Invites People to Help with Annual Adopt A Family Program

Community Housing Network seeks donors, volunteers

Troy, MI – Community Housing Network (CHN) recently launched its annual Adopt A Family program and is seeking individuals, organizations, schools and other groups to help with its efforts. With support from the community, Adopt A Family hopes to provide at least 500 formerly homeless individuals and families served by the nonprofit with gifts and basic necessities this holiday season.

Volunteers and donors are crucial to making Adopt A Family a success, a program that CHN began in 2004. CHN is looking for ambassadors to go into their communities (including schools, congregations, companies and community groups) and organize donations to the program. Individuals who wish to donate or volunteer are needed as well. Additional volunteer opportunities with Adopt A Family include helping with shopping, wrapping gifts and gift distribution.

“I am very excited to be the coordinator for Adopt A Family this year,” said Janet Genuise, long-time CHN volunteer and now staff member. “I’ve been involved in past years, and it’s very rewarding to know you are helping people in such a direct, tangible way. Adopt A Family is a great opportunity to get your family, friends, whoever you spend time with involved. It’s fun and easy, and it means so much to the families receiving the gifts. For many of them, these are the only gifts they receive at the holidays.”

Many gift recipient wish lists include basic items such as warm coats, boots, hats and gloves. Donors are also encouraged to provide cleaning supplies, personal care items and unexpired non-perishable foods, items that are in high demand by CHN program participants.

Items donated to the Adopt A Family program must be new and unused. Donations will be accepted through Monday, December 5.

For more information, please contact Janet Genuise at JGenuise@chninc.net / (248) 269-1363.

Community Housing Network is a nonprofit organization committed to providing homes for people in need through proven strategies of homelessness prevention, housing assistance and development, community education and referral, advocacy and additional services. The organization carries out its work in metro Detroit. For more information, visit http://www.communityhousingnetwork.org.

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