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Polk County Association of Code Enforcement
1104 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
Lakeland, FL. 33805

Dear Community Partner,

As 2016 was coming to a close, our local community was experiencing a record number of local children receiving services through the foster care system and in need of gifts for the holidays. We had already set a goal to provide holiday wishes for 1,400 children, and the 12th Annual Rudolph Round-Up Holiday Toy Drive was well under way. Our hope and belief was that the local community would once again come along side Heartland for Children, and partner with us to ensure children's wishes for holiday gifts come true.

We are overjoyed to share that the goal of providing gifts to 1,400 children was not only reached, but exceeded! The spirit of giving and generosity from donors throughout Hardee, Highlands and Polk counties made it possible to provide for the holiday wishes of 1,580 children through the 2016 Rudolph Round-Up Holiday Toy Drive! We are grateful for all of our Rudolph Champions.

To accomplish fulfilling the holiday wishes of 1,580 children required all of our community responding to the need. Many folks had already been Rudolph Champions while others became new partners with Heartland through social media, community based toy drives or by hearing of the need from family, friends, or co-workers. Your generous financial contribution of \$375.00 helped to provide for these holiday wishes. Thank you for your commitment and generosity in providing gifts for our local children and sharing a small part of their journey during the holiday season.

We look forward to future opportunities to work in partnership with you. Our greatest need each day is for quality foster parents, to ensure all of our children have a safe and loving caregiver to meet their needs. To keep up with all the great work being accomplished for our local children, please follow us on social media. You can find us on Facebook, Twitter, Google Plus and Instagram.

Please contact Andrea Hagan at ahagan@heartlandforchildren.org or 863-519-8900 extension 214 to learn about additional opportunities to work together with Heartland for Children to support our local children and families.

Sincerely,

Teri Saunders
Chief Executive Officer

