

# FOREVER FAMILIES

"Giving Children Families Forever Since 1997"



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## Family Focus

January 2017

### Kids' Holiday Celebration Brings Lots of Cheer and Big Smiles

More than 100 people braved the winter's first snowstorm to attend Forever Families' annual Kids Holiday Celebration on Sunday, December 11th at George Murphy's at Fox Creek. An afternoon of holiday cheer, great food, festive crafts, and a surprise visitor from the North Pole brought big smiles to the faces of the foster/adoptive kids in our care. Thank you to all our donors, partner organizations, as well as local businesses that held toy drives. Your support helped make this event a great success. Such kindness and generosity ensured all our children enjoyed this special time of year.



Top: A jolly visitor from the North Pole distributes gifts to all the children during Forever Families' Kids Holiday Celebration

Bottom: Forever Families Staff

#### THANK YOU for Supporting Forever Families' 2016 Kids Holiday Celebration!

Big Families of Michigan	Korch Family
Union Lake Eagles	Hankins Family
Success Mortgage Partners	Schwenger Family
HomeAide LLC	Mortiz Family
Total Home Lending	Birke Family
MJS Packaging	Lubanski Family
RBV Contracting	Rupp Family
George & Murph's LLC	Reece Family
Diana Kohler	Goryl Family
Olive-Makki Family	Soeltner Family
Jorge Family	Alfonsi Family
Hollman Family	Roush Family
Panepucci Family	02 Victory Honda AAA Hockey
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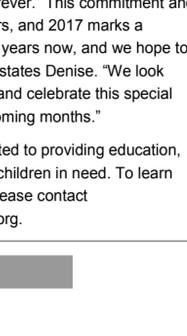
#### Newsletter Spotlight

Be sure to check out Forever Families' **NEW** website! Share your thoughts! Visit us at [www.forever-families.org](http://www.forever-families.org)

### 02 Victory Honda AAA Hockey Team Donate Books, Time and Gift Wrapping Skills

The team comprised of dedicated hockey players, 13-14 years of age, spent an early Saturday morning in December to help Forever Families with the finishing touches on the annual Kids Holiday Celebration. The boys sorted and wrapped gifts with great enthusiasm and team camaraderie. The players also coordinated a book drive, allowing all the foster children to receive a book along with a toy gift at the party. Several of the families also donated presents for a local family in need. Led by team member Zach Hollman and his parents, the Hollman family wanted to give back to the organization that helped bring them together 14 years ago.

**THANK YOU 02 Victory Honda AAA Hockey Team!**



Zach Hollman & Denise Weiss

### 2017 Marks Forever Families' 20th Anniversary

Executive Director Denise Weiss and Chief Administrative Officer Jean Stenzel founded Forever Families in 1997 with a shared mission - "Giving Children Families Forever." This commitment and dedication to helping children in need has only grown through the years, and 2017 marks a milestone for the agency. "We've helped bring families together for 20 years now, and we hope to continue to help children find their forever families for years to come," states Denise. "We look forward to highlighting some special moments from these past years, and celebrate this special anniversary with those who have supported us along the way in the coming months."

Forever Families is a licensed, non-profit child placing agency committed to providing education, preparation and support to ensure safe, loving, permanent homes for children in need. To learn more about foster care, adoption services or pregnancy counseling, please contact Forever Families at 734.762.0909, or visit us at [www.forever-families.org](http://www.forever-families.org).

#### Upcoming Events & Trainings

**PRIDE Training**  
3rd Friday of every month  
9:00am - 5:00pm

**Orientation**  
3rd Tuesday of every month  
6:00pm - 8:00pm



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