



Operation Good Cheer



2002 Operation Good Cheer

Child and Family Services of Michigan, Inc., is proud to announce that 4,200 children were sponsored in the 2002 Operation Good Cheer program. Christmas is the holiday that every child looks forward to, especially the children sponsored in Operation Good Cheer. We are so very thankful; we cannot express our gratitude enough to the generous groups and individuals who participate in this program. Each one of you takes so much pride in purchasing and wrapping gifts for these needy children. You can never imagine how much your generosity affects them.

In 2002, 118 donor groups and individuals participated in the Operation Good Cheer program. This year we gratefully welcomed more than 30 new donor groups to Operation Good Cheer. In addition, we were contacted by several individuals and groups regarding participation for next year.

The following companies donated trucks, fuel, and a driver for the gift pick up and delivery. Thank you, Chemtrend, Trucks for You, Meijer, Landstar Systems, Inc., Hollingsworth, Swift Transport, Inc., Alliance Shippers, United Parcel Service, Michigan National Guard, Penske Truck Leasing, Professional Movers, Inc., Two Men and a Truck, Topflight, Conway, and Mason-Dixon, we are so grateful for your assistance. Also a special

thank you to Mr. Mike Pipia, we truly appreciate the support you continue to provide with gift pick up and delivery.



More than 140 flights were able to take off on Saturday, even with the unfavorable weather. The low cloud ceiling left many planes grounded for the day. Thankfully, generous volunteers delivered the remaining gifts to their destinations. We are so grateful to all of the pilots and volunteers that assist in ensuring the children's gifts will be delivered on time. You add so much to Operation Good Cheer.

Thank you to all the volunteers at the airport who donated their time by either helping to sort and load gifts onto planes and trucks, or assisting in the transportation of the gifts. The agencies are so thankful for all that you do.

CFSM, inc. would also like to thank, Mr. Jerry Drew, our Flight Coordinator. We can never express how much we appreciate your continued assistance. The Oakland County International Airport

Staff, Air Traffic Controllers, IFL East Staff and Tradewinds Aviation also continue to support the "Spirit of Good Cheer" flight, you are truly appreciated. They have all become essential to the continued growth and success of Operation Good Cheer.

Penske Trucks were generous enough to donate their trucks for transporting the gifts from the hanger. These gifts were then either loaded onto airplanes, or taken to Tradewinds Aviation to be delivered to agencies by volunteer trucking companies.

Some extremely generous companies donated items for 2002. DBI Business Interiors donated 50 cases of labels, which are used for gift designation and tracking. Edsel Ford, Pentastar Aviation and Volkswagen International donated Food to our volunteers at the airport on Friday. We also had a donation of a pancake breakfast for all of the pilots and volunteers by E.E.A. on Saturday. Thank you again, we so much appreciate the gifts you have provided to Operation Good Cheer and the children we serve.

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