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Fond-du-Luth Casino
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Brian Peddle, *General*
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Dear Tina and Friends and Patrons of Fond-du-Luth Casino,

Thank you for your longtime partnership and support in helping us serve those in need in the Duluth area. Once again, you were a big part of the success of our Christmas outreach with your donation of 5,099 new pairs of socks as well as your two monetary gifts for toys and general operations. You likely have received receipts for these gifts already, but on behalf of Captains Teri and Bryan Ellison and the entire staff of The Duluth Salvation Army, we would all like to express our gratitude and tell you how much we appreciate your kindness and compassion. Truly, Thank You!

It was an honor to partner with you for the 11th Annual Sock Drive and the socks collected were added to the approximately 11,000 toys that were given during our five-day Christmas food/toy distribution in 2020 and were gratefully received by the 819 families we had the privilege to serve. In total, 3,908 individuals were served, including 1,837 children. Kids received 19,890 total items. This was a community-wide effort involving many donations and volunteers. We are already preparing for a busy 2021 and we are grateful for your partnership. We do not take this for granted and we will work to be good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us.

As you know, COVID-19 has been on many minds. To help mitigate its spread, we have been taking appropriate measures to keep everyone safe. With those measures in place, we have served youth with Rookie Basketball and Day Camp. Food, housing, rent and utility assistance, and other emergency programs continue to operate. The Hot Lunch program is no longer served inside but is now available as a take-and-go meal. Between 100-135 lunches were served each day over the last eight months. Our Food Shelf now provides pre-packed groceries, with pickup at the front entrance. With the help of caring friends like you, we provided these services in 2020:

January – December 2020

- 73,017 meals served through Food Shelf, Medical Food Shelf, and Hot Meals
- 15,311 person/days of Transitional Housing (homeless families)
- 1,105 people received Emergency Assistance (430 Households)
- 768 people received Rent Assistance (322 Households)
- 124 people received Utility Assistance (44 households)
- 256 people received clothing/household items (2,385 items)
- 138 people visited; (i.e. shut-ins, nursing homes, before COVID-19 restrictions)
- 17 households housed through our Landlord Incentive Program

Each family or individual represented above is facing a unique difficulty or challenge. We want them to know that God loves them, we love them, and there is hope for the future. On behalf of each family or individual served through your kindness, Thank You!

Sincerely,

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My SINCERE THANKS
FOR EVERYTHING
INVOLVED WITH THE
SOCK DRIVE!
WE ARE TRULY
GRATEFUL!
BLESSINGS, BEST WISHES,
AND HAPPY NEW
YEAR!
DAN