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YWCA Princeton’s St. Nicholas Project Needs Help Providing Holiday Gifts to Children

PRINCETON, NJ – YWCA Princeton’s St. Nicholas Project is seeking help to spread cheer this holiday season. The project provides holiday presents to help local families in need. Gifts can be donated by community members, individuals, families and businesses.

The St. Nicholas Project was founded in 2000 by Princeton resident and long-time YWCA supporter Jill Jachera, who saw the need to help families in Princeton. “With limited resources, many parents, especially those new to this country, struggle to make the holidays special for their children. My husband and his family moved to the USA when he was four, with no money and no English speaking skills. But he still remembers the acts of kindness from strangers that made his family feel welcome. We want to pay it forward and do the same for immigrant families and other families in need throughout Princeton,” shares Jachera.

The project, originally called the “YWCA Adopt-a-Family”, was renamed after its first year in memory of Jachera’s nephew Nichols Nutile, who was killed in an automobile accident in 2001. She continues to lead the drive each year encouraging businesses and individuals to join her effort to enrich the lives of local families and strengthen our community.

Any individual, organization, family, and business can participate. You can become “St. Nicholas” and choose to sponsor a large family, a small family, or an individual. Toys, clothes, gift cards and food are greatly needed and appreciated. Contact Jill Jachera at jill.jachera@gmail.com by December 5th with your current contact information (name, email address, and phone number) and you will be provided with a "wish list" for a particular family and/or individual. Gifts should be new and unwrapped and must be dropped off on Monday, December 16th between 8 a.m. and noon at the YWCA Princeton’s Bramwell House located at 59 Paul Robeson Place (at the corner of Rt. 206).

For those who wish to contribute and cannot shop, a tax-deductible donation can be made to the YWCA Princeton. By indicating the donation is for the St. Nicholas Project, the entire donation will be used to provide scholarships for some students in the Young Wonders Child Development Center.

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About YWCA Princeton
Established in 1922, the YWCA Princeton is a not-for-profit organization with thousands of members, with a mission to eliminate racism and empower women. It serves Mercer County and Central NJ through educational and recreational classes, social services, advocacy, and leadership development. Programs include aquatics, arts and crafts, breast cancer resources, childcare, community events, dance, early childhood education, English as a Second Language, High School equivalency preparation and testing and a Newcomers group for those new to the area. The YWCA is the oldest and largest multicultural women's organization in the world with affiliates in over 120 countries and with 250 associations in the U.S.

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