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Chrysler Machining Plant brings Christmas to homeless families

(Toledo, OH) --- It's an annual Holiday tradition, the Chrysler Machining Plant in Perrysburg adopts every child who is living at Family House and brings them multiple Christmas gifts.

Not just a few gifts, a semi truck makes the trip from the Chrysler Machining Plant in Perrysburg to central Toledo, loaded with wrapped Christmas presents.

This year, **the semi truck will arrive at Family House at 10am on Friday, December 16th.**

The Family House averages 36 families at any given time, which equates to 115 people.

The average age of a homeless child here is 4 years old. 65 children live in the House.

"We go to Toys R' Us, we grab the toy catalog and pass out the toy catalog to all the kids," said Renee Palacios, Executive Director of The Family House, "They cut out the pictures of what they'd like for Christmas."

Santa is coming too! This might be the only time the children at Family House will have the opportunity to sit on his lap and share their Christmas wishes.

"You know, in our culture if Santa doesn't come, it's because you've been a bad little boy or girl," said Palacios, "So, sometimes our kiddos just assume they've been bad when Santa doesn't come. So, we want to make sure that these kids don't feel that this Christmas season."

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Family House is the 2nd largest homeless shelter in Ohio, serving over 800 people each year/300 families. We not only provide services to obtain employment and housing, but also host a computer lab, library, clothing closet, food pantry, household goods and more. We are a non-profit 501c3 and all contributions are eligible for tax exception based on IRS designations.