**Local Nonprofit Makes Christmas Possible For Nearly**

**100 Children and Families**

*Together We Own It delivers a bright holiday for kids in need*

**December 7, 2017 – Westminster, Md. –** Together We Own It, a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission it is to work with youth at-risk, to break the cycle and move forward by engaging in positive activities, inspiring peers and motivating others to be the best they can be, has launched full-force to serving the community this holiday season. Together We Own has worked with Potomac Case Management, Salvation Army and others to identify families and children in need. Though fund-raisers, local businesses, and the community at-large, they have gathered gifts and financial donations, allowing them to serve nearly 100 children and families this holiday season.

Together We Own It, a local nonprofit founded in 2015 by Katelyn Kirby and Lindsay McManus, envisions engaged communities where children have the power to create opportunities for themselves to reach their full potential. The organization strives to foster a sense of connection between youth and their community through connecting people and resources, mentoring, educational enrichment, and recreational empowerment.

All of the donations collected by Together We Own It are being distributed to families in need over the next two weeks Together We Own Its volunteer team.

 “The organization was founded to meet the need of one little girl and has grown to serve nearly 100 Maryland families this holiday season,” states Together We Own It President Katelyn Kirby. “Seeing our community come together and truly want to help local children in need for the holidays demonstrates what Together We Own It is all about. It truly does take a village to create change.”

Kirby further shared, “We couldn’t do all of the things we want to do to make a real difference in the lives of the children we serve without the community. We are a 100% volunteer organization, from our mentors to our fundraisers, everyone is here because they want to demonstrate to these kids that they can do and be who they want to be.”

To donate to Together We Own It, go to <TogetherWeOwnIt.org/donate> or checks made to “Together We Own It” may be mailed to PO Box 1743 Sykesville, Md. 21784. Gift donations may be dropped off at one of our three drop off locations, which include Fringes Family Hair Care, Artistic Edge Salon in Westminster or Westminster Barber Shop by December 16th.

**ABOUT TOGETHER WE OWN IT**

Together We Own It is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization working with and serving local communities. The organization was founded to build engaged communities where children have the power to create opportunities for themselves to reach their full potential. Together We Own It is made up of volunteers and relies heavily on grants, and the generosity of the communities in which it serves. To volunteer, donate or to just learn more about Together We Own Its vision and direction visit [www.togetherweownit.org](http://www.togetherweownit.org).

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