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Christmas Can't be Bought From a Store Maybe Christmas is a Little Bit More...Dr. Seuss

With 2011 drawing to a close, it seems appropriate to take a few minutes to reflect on both our accomplishments and our plans for the coming year. Last year, we shifted our focus from our residential program to our Center for Advancement with its associated programs. Those programs continue to successfully deliver enrichment opportunities to our clients and will we will continue to expand those efforts in 2012 despite the difficult financial climate. We have not, however, forgotten our goals with respect to our residential program and 2012 we will seek alternative sources of funding that will permit us to expand this important effort. In that regard, we are including below the story of Richard's House... another residential effort that is underway with help from KH. All of us from Katie's House want to take this opportunity to thank our friends, both old and new, for the continued support that makes our success possible. Hope you have a great holiday season. *Evelyn Dudzic*



A House for Richard! Richard has autism and has come a long way in realizing that he also has a life and soon will have a place to call home, independent of his parents. With \$20,000 raised for the purchase of a house for him and 2 other compatible young men, the dream of independence looks promising. We first met



this young man about 2 years ago, he was experiencing a rough time. His mother knew she had to find opportunities for her son to socialize with peers and continue to learn new things to help him grow to full potential. She found Katie's House and its supportive programs. Richard now is a happy, fun loving young man and moving forward to take control of his life with the help of his parents and Katie's House. Richard's parents are raising funds for a house for Richard that will enable him to live independent of them with the help of support staff to make sure he is cared for and safe. Today this happy young man attends dance, sign language, cooking classes and The Friendship Group, a social gathering of young adults compatible in age and ability.

Can you help by donating to this cause?

May love and peace be more than a Season.

It is our dream it will be a way of life!



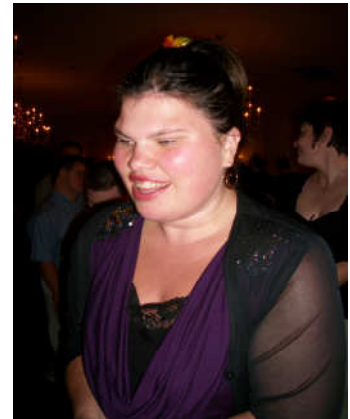
Never take more than you give.



With this sentiment in mind, our group of Santa's Helpers will participate in the collecting of gifts which have been donated by our generous supporters. As they have in years past, Katie's House Service Group will collect, sort, organize and deliver new toys and gifts to St. Joseph's Children's Hospital for the Pediatric Oncology Department's annual Holiday party. Children battling cancer need to smile. So let's hope a gift will help.

A Van for Shannen

Shannen is a 25 year old young woman living in the Newton area with her parents. She was born with neurological disabilities. A year ago Shannen was an active member in activities provided by Katie's House, taking dance, sign and cooking classes. She was also an active member of The Friendship Group. Now, Shannen and her family are having a difficult and stressful year. Dad has Parkinson's that is getting worse and Mom lost her job, Hurricane Irene damaged their house and Shannen progressively became less mobile and can no longer be transported in the family car. She needs a van with a wheelchair lift or she will be housebound. Katie's House, along with Shannen's friends reached out to the community for help in raising money to take some of the burden off her family. Our goal was to raise \$25,000 for the van but thanks to all of Shannen's and KH's friends, we now have \$30,000 and will purchase a van soon.



Shannen is a 25 year old young woman living in the Newton



A House Makes a Home but Friends Make a Life!

Together, let's stop worrying about things we can't change and instead, focus on things that we can... and have some fun.



We really can get by with a little help from YOU, our friends.
PLEASE