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Dear Niles Business Owner,

For over 50 years, Niles Family Services has provided support to the community & residents of Niles. With the support of our mayor, Village trustees, schools, faith communities, community partners, and caring residents, we continue to have a significant impact on the people of Niles. Niles Family Services remains dedicated to a model of care focused on wellness, quality of life, and empowerment for the whole Niles community.

Our success would not be possible without the kindness and generosity of our community partners. Our partners provide us with monetary and in-kind donations to support our food pantry, senior services and wellness programs. This time of the year reminds us how grateful we are for supporters like you.

We would like to update your organization to the areas of donation that you may feel comfortable contributing to:

Niles Food Pantry: NFS provides food items on a monthly basis to individuals/families in need. Clients are able to obtain such items as cereal, pastas, soups, fruit/vegetables, breads, & snacks. Our pantry also accepts non-food items such as laundry soap, tooth paste, paper towel, toilet paper & cleaning supplies.

NFS Annual Holiday Assistance Programs: Each year, through the generosity of Niles-Maine Library and Jewel-Osco, Family Services provides a turkey or ham along with all the fixins for a holiday meal. Additionally, families are identified through our program as being in need of Christmas gifts for their children. Last year, we were able to provide gifts for over 100 kids in the community. NFS will gladly accept new toys/games for these young children. Older children/teens within the community also appreciate gift cards to shop on their own.

Shop with a Cop: For 2021, the Niles Police Department will again be partnering with Walmart for "Shop with a Cop" to provide a brighter Christmas for disadvantaged children in Niles. The primary purpose of the "Shop with a Cop" program is for these children to purchase holiday gifts with a Niles police officer. This is an opportunity for children to share a positive experience with officers within their community. Monetary donations for this program are most appreciated.

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NFS Children's Birthday Packs: These boxes provide the necessities for youth to celebrate their birthday. These birthday packs will be distributed to parents/children who obtain services from Niles Family Services. The pack contains a cooking pan (to bake the cake), cake mix, frosting, candles, party supplies and a gift card in the range of \$5-10.00 (ice cream store, McDonalds, Starbucks, a movie theater).

Senior Christmas Presents: During the holiday season, many seniors within Niles are living without the support of family. Senior center activities address not only the recreational needs of elders but also the issue of isolation. NFS & Senior Center staff are collaborating in an effort to hand deliver a small present for identified seniors who could use some holiday cheer. Please consider making a financial donation to this project for the elders of Niles.

Donations to Niles Family Services will help foster a sense of community for residents during this holiday season. The motto "It's Possible Here" has become a daily testament to the impact of the work we do through the support of all our partners in Niles. We hope you will continue to support this tradition of hope. To honor your generosity, Niles Family Services will recognize your contribution in our annual report and include you as a corporate sponsor in our program announcements.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have about our services and the impact of those services on the Niles community. Please do not hesitate to give me a call at 847-588-8461, or our Assistant Director Kathy O'Grady at 847-588-8467 and we would be happy to speak with you further!

Best Regards for the Holiday Season,



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