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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES THANKS COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORT OF FOSTER CHILDREN DURING THE HOLIDAYS

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Department of Human Services received an outpouring of support from the community this past holiday season and recently sent letters to five organizations thanking them for their generosity.

“We were touched by the efforts of these organizations. They went out of their way to make sure our foster children, in particular, had gifts this holiday season,” said Judy Griego, Director of Human Services in Weld County.

Donations ranged from toys to books to bicycles.

“It is natural for people to focus on their own families during the holiday season, but it is a truly special thing when people focus on others in our community such as our foster children,” said Weld County Commissioner Mike Freeman, Commissioner Coordinator for the Department of Human Services.

- St. Peter Catholic Church donated gifts for 105 children currently residing in Weld County foster homes.
- Whitefield Community Church donated gifts for 20 youth and 11 families.
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America from Platte Valley High School donated gifts for 80 foster children.
- Realities for Children Charities donated 48 bicycles to foster children in Weld County through their Bikes for Tykes program.
- Our Lady of the Valley Church donated gifts for 66 youth.

“We appreciate our foster families and are happy that so many people in our community appreciate them as well. The donations of gifts for the children certainly made the holidays a bit brighter,” said Griego.

Small efforts make a huge difference in the lives of children and youth in foster care. You can make a life-long impact on our community’s most vulnerable and hurting children by becoming a Weld County Healing Family. For information on becoming a Healing Family contact the Human Service Department at (970) 352-1551 x6292 or visit our web site: www.weldgov.com/departments/humanservices.

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