

# Eastern Navajo Child Drive Appeal 2009

## *Ya'at'eeh Keshmish - Merry Christmas*

Our Navajo Child Drive began as a small project with our team of special needs specialists, addressing the absence of Santa from the poorest of our poor families who had at least one special needs child receiving services from us. We realized, after the first year that having Santa visit only one or two children in each family was not the way to peace and good will amongst siblings or relatives.

Over the next couple of years we evolved into less families receiving a visit, but all siblings (0 -16 years old) receiving gifts. Outreaching to our own extended families and friends, we grew, until we had reached into many generous homes & businesses across the US.

In 2008 Santa was able to deliver baskets and gifts to over 250 families and the 650 children living in those households. Although that is a healthy increase, it left the same number of families & children without. Let me repeat, there is NEVER enough.

Care Coordinators & Educators have worked this year with the knowledgeable school staff to identify 250+ families, developing lists of their children, ages, & any special needs. "Wish Lists" from our 650+ children include: school supplies, winter clothing, dolls, trucks, coloring books, art supplies, backpacks, hoodies / jackets, various sports' balls (high demand!) & stuffed animals, & games.

Won't you consider a donation to help bring Santa to these needy children? Our goal this year is to help 280 families and 650 children.

For sponsors who would rather we shop, we put wrapped and tagged "Santa" boxes together for children, birth through 16, for \$15 - \$20. Typically the boxes might contain; a toy/stuffed animal or other age appropriate gift requested, a book, mittens / gloves, and cap / scarf. Toiletries and blankets have also found their way into some boxes.

**\$150 sponsors a family with 4 children including the Holiday basket and one fleece blanket.**

Cash donations welcomed, but if you would like to send a Christmas presents, those are welcome too.

I send the good will and thanks from our Outreach Folks, our Families and myself. You are never taken for granted nor overlooked in the households your generosity touches.

Blessings,

Kathy Spitz  
Coordinator



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