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A Message from the President

HTN has been incredibly busy with furniture collections and deliveries this year. As I mentioned during our Annual Social, we're on pace to exceed the number of deliveries during our best years before the pandemic. I want to thank all our members for their tireless commitment to HTN and our mission of Helping Thy Neighbor. Additionally, our Create Summer Smiles program was highly successful, thanks to the wonderful support from all HTN members, St. Alphonsus parishioners, and the Our Lady of Mercy School families.

This is a fantastic time to be a member of HTN. Thanks to your recent efforts and the generosity of our donors, we've restocked our warehouse, begun an active fall season of furniture deliveries, and launched our Project Santa program. Many thanks to Chuck and Anna Marie Croney for leading the program again this year. They both have done a wonderful job of managing this significant effort, which means so much to the children of Kensington. **More information on this year's Project Santa is available later in this newsletter.**

With the help of our new Treasurer, Tom Greenwood, we're in a strong financial position this year, and we're incredibly grateful to all our supporters for their generous donations. Your contributions are truly vital to supporting our work. Thank you!

This past summer, we hosted a new member social for all the recent additions

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various service groups we have within HTN.

I'm pleased to report that, with the help of our Board members and volunteers, we're expanding our reach into the most underserved neighborhoods in our community. We've conducted bed deliveries in the Ambler Borough and we're working with Family Promise in Montgomery County, similar to the work we do with Family Promise of Philadelphia. Additionally, we're partnering with the Sisters of Life in North Philadelphia, whose mission is to support vulnerable pregnant women. We're also supporting Annie's Home in the Frankford area of Philadelphia, which houses and supports pregnant women at risk. These new efforts would be impossible without the constant help of our volunteers, donors, and supporters of HTN.

Filled with gratitude for our past achievements and excitement for the opportunities ahead, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your unwavering support. Together, we're making a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need in our community.

May God reward you all for your commitment and generosity.

Tom Reed

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HTN Mass Weekend at St. Alphonsus Parish

HTN Mass Weekend will take place **November 9th/10th at St. Alphonsus Parish**, with Tom Reed speaking at all Masses. We encourage all HTN

This weekend is not only a time to celebrate the vital work we do but also an excellent opportunity to grow our team. We need your help connecting with prospective members who share our passion for making a positive impact in the community. We're looking for volunteers to greet attendees after each Mass and answer any questions they may have about our ministry. Handouts will be provided to guide these conversations.

If you're interested in helping and/or if you have any questions, please contact Kathy Morris at kmorris1000@comcast.net. Please indicate which mass you would be available to help at in your email.



Spreading Cheer Together: Our Family's Heartfelt Tradition with Project Santa

Chuck Croney, who coordinates HTN's Project Santa with his wife Anna Marie, called to see if our family would again sponsor a special education class at the Willard School this Christmas. Last weekend, I checked with everyone, and we're all on board to bring gifts for a third-grade class of 21 children this year.

Here's how it works: Teresa Bronte, HTN's contact at the Willard School, sends us a list with the student's first names, grades, gender, and a brief description of their gift preferences. I share this list with my family, and they each choose the children for whom they'd like to buy gifts. Once purchased, they wrap the

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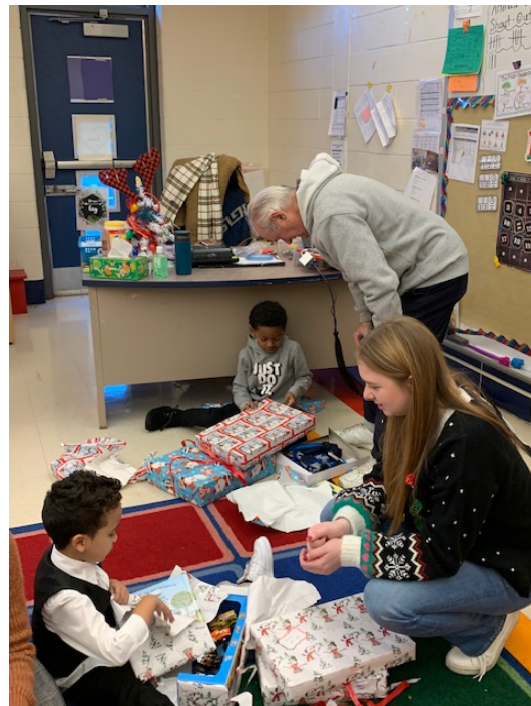
checking off each gift as it's received, and my role is to get them to our collection points.

At first, that was the extent of our involvement, but we've taken on more over time. Now, when HTN delivers the gifts to the Willard and Casarez Schools, some of us ride along, help unload the truck, and sort the gifts. Last year, we even brought them directly to the classrooms. Project Santa has become a meaningful Christmas tradition and a blessing for our family, especially our grandchildren.

Tom Moore's family started this program and we're grateful to Tom and Nancy Moore for inviting us to participate. We encourage other HTN families to join in the joy of bringing holiday cheer to children in need in Kensington this Christmas.

Dave White

Scroll down for more information on Project Santa 2024!



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Coming Soon: Project Santa 2024

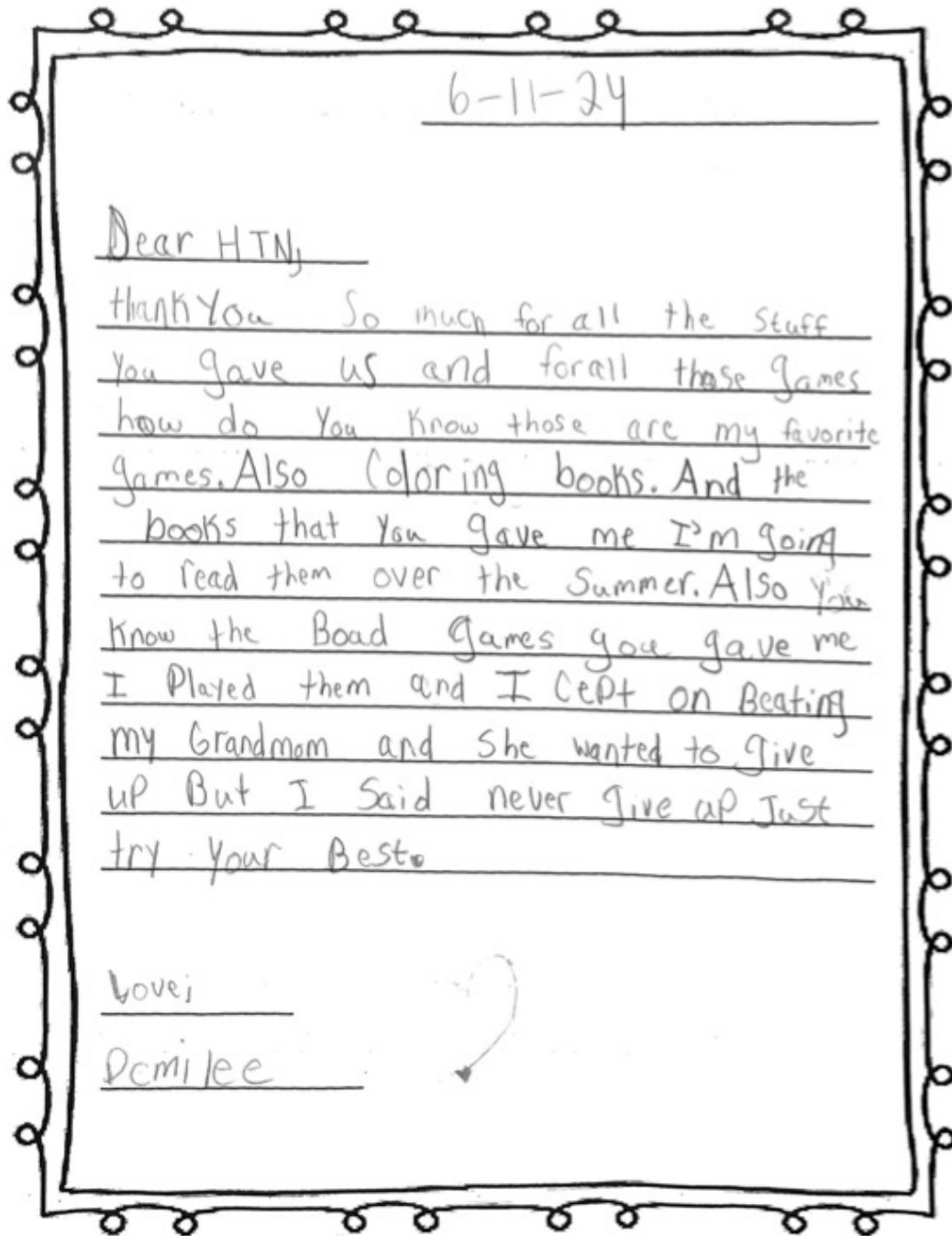
Planning for Project Santa 2024 is underway! Our incredible Project Santa leaders, Anna Marie and Chuck Croney, will be sending more information around the first week of November about this year's program and how to sign up to donate gifts.

Again, this year we kindly request that all gifts be received by the weekend of December 7th/8th. This will provide us with the extra time we need to sort the gifts for delivery, especially since Thanksgiving is later this year.

Stay tuned for more details and special thanks to Anna Marie and Chuck for volunteering to lead this effort again this year!

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See below for a letter from one of the students who benefited from the generous support of those who participated in our summer gifting program, Create Summer Smiles. Their words offer a glimpse into the difference you all make in these children's lives.



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In just one week, HTN welcomed two precious new additions! HTN President Tom Reed's daughter, Meaghan, celebrated the arrival of her daughter Josephine over Labor Day Weekend. Then, only days later on September 6, HTN Director of Ministries and Board Member Kathy Morris welcomed her granddaughter Maeve! Maeve's mom, Sarah—our newsletter editor—now has her very own 'editor-in-cuteness' keeping her busy. Congratulations to both families!



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