



THURSDAY'S CHILD Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Even though there has been very little Thursday's Child activity this year, it's important to maintain our annual newsletter tradition--this our 36th year.

Very early in the pandemic we were contacted by an American Family Children's Hospital social worker who asked us to fulfill a dying child's wish to receive some FROZEN gifts: a nightgown, a DVD, a game, etc. We couldn't go into a store, we couldn't reach any REAL people at the big box companies/stores, it was so very frustrating to try to put together some gifts for this little girl. In the end, her condition worsened unexpectedly, she died not knowing how frantically we were trying to fulfill her wish. Her 7-year-old sister was able to enjoy the gifts we sent, and that was important to us, too.

We have four wishes on hold because all involve travel. We also have our annual Santa project which is in full swing right now. This year we decided to offer Target gift cards, \$50 per child with a maximum of four per family. American Family Children's Hospital social workers have sent us 90 family names, "fragile families," says one social worker.

Gifts In Their Memory

From loving family & friends



*Shirley Woolf Cowles
Potosi, WI & Mesa, AZ
July 10, 1931 - October 8, 2020*

*Dorothy Mueller Ferguson
Mt. Hope, WI
March 10, 1926 - Feb. 4, 2016*

*Lloyd Mueller
Crystal Lake, IL
Jan. 20, 1934 - Jan. 18, 2020*

*James Peterson
DeForest, WI
December 10, 1942 - June 27, 2019*

We receive many notes of thanks from our families. I would like to share an excerpt from one recently received:

"I am so grateful that Thursday's Child has thought about our family. The Santa Project is an amazing way to share the love to families in need of some extra love."

This mother's letter goes on to tell us that not one, but two of her children are battling cancer, and she adds:

"We love all the supporters we have and the team we have to make this family strong. When someone has cancer in your family the whole family feels the stress of having cancer, too."

Sandy had to cancel her trail ride this year. It would have been her 27th trail ride fundraiser, her indefatigable spirit could not overcome our Covid reality.

But we did receive contributions, from you, our friends, also from the Mt. Hope Cardinal 4-H Club, the Santa Cause 5K in Platteville, and one final Madison College Turkey Trot.

The Madison College Turkey Trot was started in 1986 by Madison College cross country coach Fred Williams. Over the years, this event raised thousands of dollars for Thursday's Child and the Madison College Foundation. Fred Williams, Steve Hauser and Jason Verhelst have been very good friends to us over the years and we are grateful to them for their unwavering support and belief in Thursday's Child.

As this awful year draws to a close, we can be thankful that Thursday's Child still is able to reach out to the families who need us. We are grateful for the support that has sustained us over the years and will continue to sustain us in 2021.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I wish you all a meaningful and safe holiday season.

Noël Ferguson, Executive Director

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