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## **Plymouth State University Angel Tree Project Donates Holiday Gifts to Spaulding Youth Center**

**Northfield, NH** – Spaulding Youth Center is honored to announce it was chosen as a gift recipient by the Angel Tree Project, an annual program organized by Plymouth State University (PSU). The program provides gifts and necessities for children in the community whose families need extra support during the holiday season.



Since 1994, the Angel Tree Project has worked to make the holiday season a joyful time of year for local children and families in need by coordinating with non-profit organizations which serve them. After program organizers determine how many children are in need of holiday gifts from participating organizations, a holiday tree is decorated with tags detailing desired gifts and needed necessities for over 300 children. Once the tree is finished, PSU students, faculty, staff and other community members generously volunteer to become a child's holiday angel, purchasing items on the tags for him or her. For any tags that remain, fundraised monies are used to purchase items for these children in need.

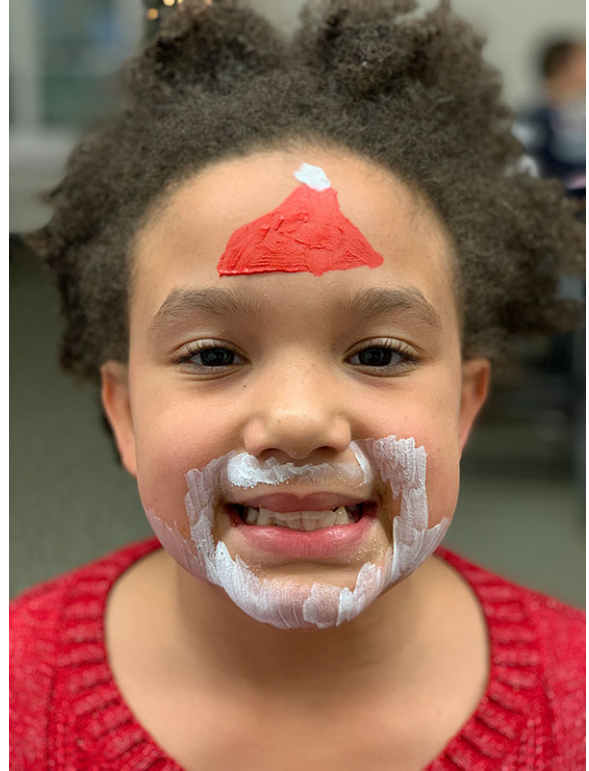
Spaulding Youth Center is a long-time recipient of gifts from the Angel Tree Project. For the 2018 holidays, 52 children, ranging in age from six through twenty, received gifts through this year's Angel Tree Project. Toy requests included baby dolls, Legos, footballs and card games, and requested necessities included toiletries, winter gear and pajamas. The gifts were distributed to many children who live on its campus in Northfield, New Hampshire as well as a number of day student families who were in need during the holiday season.

“We are incredibly grateful for programs like the Angel Tree Project for collecting gifts for our students this past holiday season,” said Susan C. Ryan, President & CEO of Spaulding Youth Center. “The generous gifts given by PSU students, staff and community members helped our children and their families feel remembered and special during a time of year that can be financially challenging for many of their families. It was truly touching to witness happy and positive memories being made in the name of goodwill and kindness.”

To learn more about the Angel Tree Project, contact Casey Krafton in the PSU Office of Community Impact at [cakrafton@plymouth.edu](mailto:cakrafton@plymouth.edu).

## **ABOUT SPAULDING YOUTH CENTER**

Spaulding Youth Center is a leading provider of services for children and youth with neurological, emotional, behavioral, learning and/or developmental challenges, including Autism Spectrum Disorder and those who have experienced significant trauma, abuse or neglect. Services include academic, behavioral health, residential, foster care, health and wellness and family support. Spaulding Youth Center is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit. For information about Spaulding Youth Center, visit [www.spauldingyouthcenter.org](http://www.spauldingyouthcenter.org).



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