



# Your Other Family

January 2016

## Making Spirits Bright

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season! Our goal was to bring a little light to the children and families in our care during this difficult time in their lives. With heartfelt thanks to our Santa's Workshop Sponsors, our faithful donors, volunteers and special visitors, we can say mission accomplished!

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## A Family in Transition

Although it's early in the process of treatment and service, Tara's (not her real name) life, as she knew it, has already changed for the better.

Recently, Tara saw signs of a potentially abusive situation and made the difficult decision to end her marriage and break the cycle of a dysfunctional home life. As a result, she found herself a single mother with no place to live. She and her children sought temporary refuge with family until she was able to rent a small house.

Even though this transition was necessary for the safety of her family, Tara's children felt the stress of this life altering change as much as she had.

Her teenage son began reacting negatively to the changes by acting out at home and in school. Just before Christmas the entire family felt the support of a caring team of professionals through The Cuyahoga County System of Care (SOC).

Part of the SOC 'wrap around' services program includes a Care Coordinator from CCH to help ease the transition. The Care Coordinator quickly assessed the needs of Tara's family and took action. She spent time gaining their trust and makes frequent visits to measure their progress.

**When asked about her experience, Tara stated "(the CCH Care Coordinator) is wonderful! The kids enjoy speaking to her and she gets them to open up. My son is already more calm at school and at home. I love talking to her too. She helps us all get a grip."**

She went on to say "I had no money for Christmas this year and when (the CCH Care Coordinator) brought over all those gifts it was such a relief." Thanks to many special donors and volunteers, CCH provided several Christmas wishes to almost 120 kids this year.

The SOC team will work with the family until they are secure and stable. This family is well on their way to healing and filled with hope for this new chapter in their lives.

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