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## Children's Home Society Provides Christmas to Area Families

Boise, IDAHO — December 29, 2008. The Children's Home Society of Idaho (CHS) provided Christmas gifts and food to a record-breaking number of families this year through its annual Adopt A Family program. Forty-seven families were adopted, totaling 138 people ranging in age from 3 months to 57 years old.

Each year CHS, parent organization of the Warm Springs Counseling Center, receives a list of clients who are struggling financially to make ends meet. Through the Adopt A Family program, clients' wish lists are distributed to donors who purchase items for them and their families. In addition to the toys, clothes, and other gifts, food was also donated.

Judi Williams, CHS Executive Assistant, who manages the program, was overwhelmed with the support of the community this season. "I expected donations to be down this year due to the economy, even though we had more families participating in the program than ever before. The giving nature of our community continues to amaze me. We served almost double the number of families we typically provide Christmas to," said Williams.

According to Stewart Wilder, Interim CEO of CHS, "We are fortunate to have such a caring community of supporters who recognize the challenges and needs that our clients face, especially during the holidays."

### About the Children's Home Society

The Children's Home Society of Idaho was established in 1908 to oversee the state's orphanage. Today CHS operates three programs, the Warm Springs Counseling Center, Warm Springs Training Institute, and The Bridge. Through these entities, CHS provides outpatient mental health care services, training for mental health professionals, and innovative approaches to improving foster care. The mission of CHS is to offer hope to children and the families who care for them. To learn more, visit [www.childrenshomesociety.com](http://www.childrenshomesociety.com).

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