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## Outpouring of Community Support Makes Christmas Possible for Those in Need

Boise, IDAHO — December 28, 2009. Through the Children's Home Society of Idaho (CHS) and community donors, Christmas gifts and food were provided to a record-breaking number of families this year. In 2008, 47 families were adopted through CHS' Adopt-A-Family program and this year, 63 families were adopted totaling 197 people ranging in age from 19 months to 61 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 toys, clothes, gifts, and food for the families. Some individuals, businesses, and organizations generously adopted multiple families.

Judi Williams, CHS Executive Assistant, who manages the program, continues to be overwhelmed by the outpouring of community support. "Each year, community members come forth to support this important program. Even amidst this tough economic time, when the need was greater than ever, we were able to get every family adopted. Our donors deserve a big thank you. We are very appreciative of their support!" said Williams.

### 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 (an APA Accredited training program), and The Bridge. Through these entities, CHS provides outpatient behavioral health services, training for mental health professionals, and innovative approaches to improving foster care. The mission of CHS is to provide behavioral health programs and related services to children and the families who care for them, regardless of ability to pay.

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