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Dear friends:

It is hard to believe that we are already planning for the holidays here at Marillac St. Vincent. For over 60 years, MSV has hosted a Christmas Store for families on Chicago's west side. This year we are expecting to provide toys and books to over 250 families, which accounts for upwards of 900 children. **The distribution will be held on Saturday, December 21st.** This is a wonderful opportunity for our families to prepare for Christmas and for the community to support their neighbors during the holidays.

The families who participate receive a turkey and other groceries that they can use to make a special Christmas dinner. Every family also picks out gifts for each of their children. Last year, due to the generosity of our supporters, we were able to make over 800 children happy with books, toys, sports equipment, and board games to celebrate the holiday.

This year we are asking for new books, games, and toys for children birth-12 years old. The age categories are 0-4 years, 5-8 years, and 9-12 years. Due to the ongoing violence that plagues the communities we serve, we request not to receive any weapon-like toys (Nerf, water guns, action figures wielding weapons etc.).

To prepare for the day of distribution, we are asking that we receive donations by no later than **Wednesday, December 18th**. We are more than happy to pick up donations. Please give advanced notice so we can make sure to schedule a pick-up time that is convenient for you.

We really appreciate any donations you can provide to make Christmas magical for the children. All donations are tax-deductible. If you have any questions, or would like to set up a donation pick-up, please contact: Stephen Barker, stephen.barker@marillacstvincent.org, (773) 584-4538.

Thank you so much!

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maureen Hallagan".

Maureen Hallagan
Chief Operating Officer