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### **Christmas for Kids event Serves Over 560 Children**

Due to the incredible generosity and support of the community, Children's Advocacy Center of Greater West Texas, Inc. (CAC) was able to bring hope and joy to over 560 children of the Concho Valley during the 2019 holiday season through the annual Christmas for Kids event.

For most children, Christmas is an exciting time of year. However, without the support of our community, some children in our community will not experience the joy of Christmas. Christmas for Kids is an annual Christmas event for children that have experienced abuse or neglect and receive services through CAC. Sponsors receive a child's wish list and are able to shop and purchase gifts specifically for that child. "CAC sorted through approximately 2,240 gifts to ensure each child sponsored received at least four Christmas gifts," says Razanna Thomas, Director of Community Engagement. "This heartwarming act of love and generosity powered by community members of the Concho Valley will make a huge impact in the lives of children CAC serves. Christmas 2019 will be a wonderful day they will never forget."

To bring Christmas cheer to so many young people, donations poured into CAC from individuals and organizations around the Concho Valley. CAC would like to especially thank some of our larger sponsors, including Holy Angels Catholic Church, Good Fellow Air Force Base, San Angelo Health Foundation, Ballinger Memorial Hospital, Southgate Church of Christ, San Angelo Christian Academy, Angelo State University Softball Team, Howard College, Dr. & Mrs. Bradley Bundrant, Community Health Club, Concho Valley ER, Tom Green County Offices, Kiwanis, and Edward & Kristen Studer.

Gifts were delivered to CAC and distributed to children and families by staff members and CASA Volunteers just in time for Christmas. Each gift also included a stuffed animal donated by PetSmart. Quilters for CASA, a group of community members that meet weekly at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, also donated handmade quilts for children served by CAC.

CAC is so grateful for the support and generosity of community members in the Concho Valley. For more information on Christmas for Kids or to find out how you can get involved next year, call 325-653-HOPE.

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