



*Dear Holiday Gift Run Sponsors,*

*I wanted to take a few minutes to try to share some of the highlights of the amazing weekend created by this year's Red Cross Holiday Gift Run. The ear-to-ear grins on the faces of the kids and squeals of delight were simply awesome. The kids were so excited to get just what they wanted...whether it was a warm jacket, a pair of sneakers, some new clothes or the toy they've had their heart set on.*

*Perhaps even more magical was the reaction of the parents. Ranging from huge smiles to tears of joy, it was clearly evident it was an emotional day. You see, the Holiday Gift Run is more than just giving a child a present. Equally as important, it's about giving hope.*

*We had a lot of laughs, we sang, we danced and we even shed a few tears. The families were so touched that strangers would "do something nice for their kids." Throughout the day we heard it was "nice to know that someone cares."*

*It is hard to fully convey the range of emotions experienced by both the delivery team and the recipients. Please know that the gifts you supplied made a **HUGE** difference in the many lives we touched over the weekend.*

*Thanks,  
Elf Jules :)  
Red Cross Volunteer*

