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Dear Brenda and friends,

Again this year, on behalf of all the residents at Syl Apps Youth Centre, we would like to sincerely thank you and your congregation for your generous contributions to our Christmas Wish program. Each and every youth in our facility was able to receive a stocking and gift bag filled with amazing gifts and items that may not seem like much to us but are very appreciated and cherished by our youth. This year a few of the youth wrote thank you letters to express their appreciation. Please see copies of these on the back of this letter.

Again, thank you for helping to make our youth's Christmas a little brighter!

Sincerely,

Cindy Pestrak,  
Volunteer Coordinator

on behalf of all the youth of Syl Apps Youth Centre

\*original sent by mail

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Growing up my family didnt have alot of money, so when Christmas came around, "Santa" wasnt all that good to us. So my mom used to tell us this story, that the reason Santa didnt give us alot of presents because he gave them to the less fortunate, and that since we went to church, and we had good on our side we didnt need all those presents. I grew up in a good home good family and on top of that we were in catholic when I was 14, I became christian. The church was always good to my family all the food, and presents, but I got mixed up in the wrong crowd, drugs, sex, drinking etc... and it led me to going to jail, which is where I am now SylAppse. So when you guys donated all of those gifts it reminds me of growing up, I wanted to say how much I appreciate the things you gave us. The time, love and effort put in to it. Thank-you for the gifts, they were much appreciated

A youth at Syl/Apps

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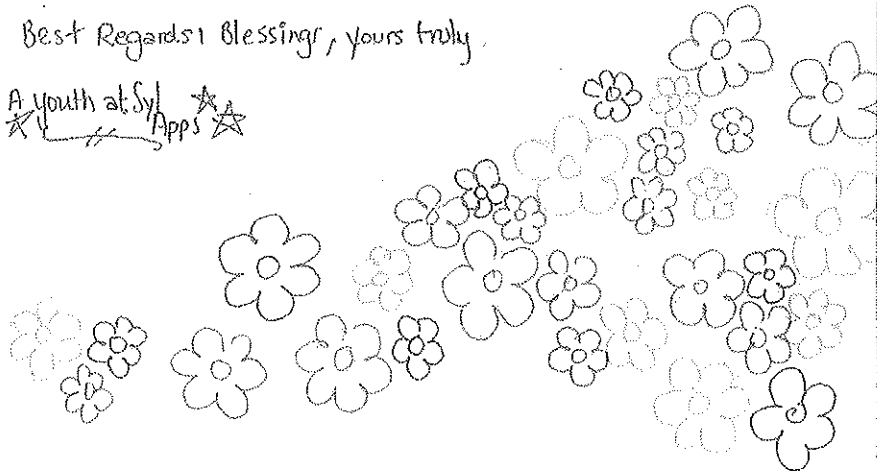
The donaters of Syl Apps Youth Center... December 2015

Thank-you for your gift donations they were greatly appreciated by us all. Thanks to you we had a great Christmas, especially here in a custody/treatment facility. Like for example alot of youth in here their familys cant afford gifts and they then miss out but not this year you made smiles on are faces, even if you werent here to see it, I just thought you should know. Also I just wanted to say when people like you do nice, selfless & thoughtful things like that it allows us to have hope for a brighter and happier future and makes me think especially that there are people out there who care. So I also just wanted you to know how much that it went to me and that it made a difference in my life and so many others here. too!

So the greatest of thanks to you (all) and I hope you had a very merry Christmas & a happy new year!

Best Regards! Blessings, yours truly,

A youth at Syl Apps



Thank you for helping us enjoy Christmas in a place that no one would really want to be. For Christmas Not only the gifts but the time that you guys spent shopping for each and everyone of us. Although I wasn't at home, what I wanted to be if you guys still enjoyable to look up on Christmas day and open gifts. Its nice to be that there was people besides our families thinking of us throughout the holidays. Thank you for the thought you guys put in to it and thank you for caring, also thanks for the gifts

Girl at Syl Apps

Thank You So Much for the gifts You really made my Christmas special with gifts to your family & friends  
 Thank you very much for the gifts that made my Christmas unforgettable  
 Syl Apps Youth Center