

“Spirit of St. Nicholas & Special Children” Annual Fundraiser Results



Sister Iwona sent us (to all donors) a thank you from all the children in the Regional Therapeutic Care Center for children in Jaroslaw, for all the Christmas gifts your donations have made possible this past Christmas. The children received shoes, shirts, jackets, slacks, tracksuits, school backpacks, pajamas, and underclothes!

Since last year, the center has changed. It now houses school age boys and girls with minor disabilities who reside 24/7 in this home for children. These children are the “forgotten ones”. They are not fortunate enough to be accepted as foster children.

Sister writes, “we are grateful for the generosity of the people who never forget these children. Thank you for your big hearts! We will always remember you and

your families in our everyday prayers. We pray that all your special intentions will be answered.”

Msgr. Marian Balicki, pastor of St. Florian’s Parish in Stalowa Wola, also sent us a thank you email message thanking everyone who contributes towards Christmas gifts for disadvantaged children and some adults in the parish. He writes that they receive Christmas gifts that bring them much joy! He wants the donors to know that he prays for you - that you will be rewarded by God for remembering these less fortunate individuals living in poverty.

And I would like to personally thank you all for supporting this annual fundraiser! May God bless each and every one!

A Decade of Giving

It's been a decade! Can you believe it? **TOGETHER**, we have contributed to putting on a new addition to the home/school for children, sending children with special needs and their caregivers to Rome to receive a blessing from the Pope and seeing the tomb of the late Pope John Paul II, and providing presents of new clothes and school supplies every Christmas to the children in Jaroslaw. And also last year, we were able to provide for Christmas gifts for children (and some adults) with disabilities from St. Florian's Parish in Stalowa Wola! And already this year, because of your generosity, we were able to send the children in Jaroslaw for an overnight trip to Zory, that has a country-western themed amusement park!

Each time we receive a letter of thanks from the Sisters who care for these special children, and we have also received a letter of gratitude from Pastor



A visit from St. Nicholas.

Marian Balicki of St. Florian's. He wrote that "it was wonderful to see the joy in the eyes and hearts of these children of poor families. A special thank you for your big hearts and concern for the needs of every person." They send all their benefactors their prayers and sincere gratitude.

The children express their gratitude for purchasing the things they wanted and needed. The Sisters write how important it is for the children to know they are not forgotten and there are people who care about them. They all pray daily at 3pm. (9am. our time) in their chapel, for the intentions of all the people who help bring them joy. *So when you're having a bad day (we all have them!), remember there are people praying for you daily! Doesn't that make you feel better?*

Your care and concern, and generosity continue to inspire me! Thank you very much for your continued support of this humanitarian effort! With your help, we can begin a new decade of bringing joy to some very special children.





Some of the Children your donations have helped

Dear Supporters and Friends,

The Polish Heritage Festival Inc. (located in Springville, N.Y.) will continue to underwrite the administrative costs of the special fundraisers to benefit the "Special Children with Special Needs" in Brzozow, and also the "Spirit of St. Nicholas" which provides new warm clothing to the children in Jaroslaw.

May we please count on you again? 100% of your donation will go to your designated humanitarian effort. Since the Polish Heritage Festival is a 501c(3) charitable organization, your donation is tax deductible.

Please make your check payable to: The Polish Heritage Festival Charitable Fund. On the memo line of the check write, "Spirit of St. Nicholas", and/or "Special Children with Special Needs".

Mail to: PHF Charitable Fund, c/o: Christine Jozwiak, PO Box 115, Springville, N.Y. 14141-0115.

On behalf of the children, thank you for your continued support!

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