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## **Greetings:**

## "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." - Winston S. Churchill.

For most of us, the upcoming Holiday Season is a joyful time to exchange gifts and unite with family and friends for the many traditions of the season. Can you envision what it is like not to have any gifts, family or a holiday meal?

Today we are reaching out to you because Vanderheyden serves more than 500 youth, individuals and families that do not have the opportunity to experience a Holiday Season on their own. At Vanderheyden, lives are being transformed for those that are seeking to overcome challenges and trauma in their lives.

Through the generosity of so many individuals, businesses, organizations and religious groups last holiday season, we were able to bring joy, excitement and smiles to those we serve. Imagine when Nancy glowed with excitement after opening a beautifully wrapped gift and finding a sweater in her favorite color! Patrick was beyond thrilled when he saw a snowboard with his name on it! Sarah had on her wish list a new comforter because hers was worn thin. She was jumping up and down when she opened her gift and it was a brand new luxurious comforter! It is just Magic!

We sincerely hope we can count on you to make this upcoming season just as magical. Your monetary donations can provide so many gifts such as Great Escape passes, YMCA memberships, winter clothing, electronics, games, gift cards and the comfort that someone cares! Help us celebrate **Giving, Sharing and Caring**!

Kindly complete the information on the enclosed form and return it to the address on the form or if you prefer to email the form send to <u>ddemers@vanderheyden.org</u> as soon as possible. We will reach out to you when we have matched your commitment with our youth, individual(s) and families. You can also make a donation on our website home page <u>www.vanderheyden.org</u> – by clicking on "**Donate Now**" and go to special purposes drop down – *Holiday Program 2016.* Please support Vanderheyden in changing a life...to save a life. You will make a difference this Holiday Season!

## May the Holiday Season bring you and your family much happiness.

Sincerely,

Karen Carpenter Palumbo President & CEO

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