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Greetings from Kids In Crisis in Cos Cob (part of Greenwich, CT).

I am the clinical social worker that works in Children's Services in our Crisis Nursery Program. I work with and serve newborn to age twelve. The Crisis Nursery is a safe home and short term emergency shelter for children who can't reside in their homes. Most of our child and teen residents (we also have an adolescent house) are DCF referrals (96 Hour Holds and OTC). Our web site: www.kidsincrisis.org

I am matched with St. Aloysius RC Church in New Canaan, CT. Jennifer Oboza (social worker) from the Stamford DCF office is also matched with the same church and we share in their bounty and generosity. I am also the church liaison for the Covenant To Care program, as St. Aloysius in my parish.

I have been involved with the Adopt A Social Worker program for five years. I have seen first hand how various places of worship and faith serve the unmet and often overlooked needs of neglected, marginalized, and impoverished children, teens, and their families. Children need many experiences, resources, care, and love in order to grow into healthy, balanced, and good citizens. It truly takes a community to raise children and the Covenant To Care and Adopt A Social Worker programs help to move the supply to the demand and need.

I have seen everything from new cribs to birthday/graduation gifts to \$200.00 Target gift cards move from our affluent parish to needy children. This relationship is a win/win situation as both the giver and receiver benefit and are educated in the process. I have a good relationship with Jennifer at DCF and with our area coordinator, Meral Prewitt.

The Adopt A Social Worker is a vital grassroots and community based program in lower southwest CT.

Thank You.

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