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Dear Friend,

This is the time of year when we count our blessings. I want you to know what a blessing you have been to the families and children we serve and how grateful I am for your generous support.

If not for you, how could we take in four beautiful children like Sam, Jasmine, Klarissa and Krystal to care for them and keep them safe? You have touched their lives and given them hope this Christmas season!

In fact, to see the bright smiles on their faces, you would never know that Sam and Jasmine's mother was unable to support them financially — or that, just a few months ago, Klarissa and Krystal were living in a homeless shelter with their mother. You see, the two moms are sisters and both made the decision to place their kids at Arms of Hope, so their kids could be in a safe environment with their cousins, while they cleaned up their lives.

Sam (10), Jasmine (8), Klarissa (7) and Krystal (9) are happy children, who are in the Residential Child Care Program on the Arms of Hope - Medina Campus.

These are circumstances that put not only their present in doubt, but their future as well. Did you know that recent studies have shown that children who grow up in severe poverty often face a learning gap that never closes throughout their lives? Children who are homeless are more likely to struggle academically, get into trouble, and drop out of school.

Since being introduced to Arms of Hope through it's Family Outreach Center in San Antonio, the cousins have found safety, security, love and hope at Arms of Hope and they enjoy spending time together each and every day.

Today, because of Arms of Hope and thanks to you, these four children and many more are happy, healthy, safe and doing great in school. The only thing they are worrying about right now is whether they will get the small Christmas presents they asked for!

I want all of our children to have a Merry Christmas and a brighter future. So I ask you today, as you count your blessings, to please consider making a tax-deductible Christmas donation to Arms of Hope.

When you do, if you would like to dedicate your gift to a family member, friend or neighbor, we would be honored to send a beautiful Christmas card to that person, on your behalf, to help you share your spirit of giving with those you love!

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Sam is hoping for clothes for Christmas and Jasmine is wishing for a turtle!

By giving to Arms of Hope you not only help children, but whole families. Sam and Jasmine, Klarissa and Krystal are safe, their mothers are now able to take steps to improve their lives, by working on their education and training, so they can one day support themselves and their children financially. Until then, the two mothers call and visit as often as they can, wrapping their children in their arms and telling them they love them.

A gift to Arms of Hope really is a gift of love. It's a gift that reveals how much you care for children and one that shows that you remember what the true meaning of Christmas is really all about. Peace, joy, love, happiness, redemption and above all, hope for eternal life in heaven.

Klarissa is wishing for a stuffed animal for Christmas, while Krystal would love to have a new pair of shoes.

I was happy to learn that Sam, Jasmine, Klarissa and Krystal are asking for small Christmas presents this year. It tells me that their thoughts have been diverted from the rumbling sounds in their tummies and the constant fears of not having a safe place to sleep. Sam is hoping for some clothes and Jasmine wants a turtle! Klarissa is hoping for a stuffed animal, while Krystal would be grateful for new shoes. Their simple requests show that they feel safe — that their hearts are hopeful — and that they are getting to enjoy the Christmas season the same way other kids do! They have truly been blessed and you have helped to make their story possible.

I thank you for all the kindness you have shared. I ask you, as you look into their faces, to please look within your heart… and make a generous Christmas donation to Arms of Hope today.

Sincerely,

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