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Dear Friend,

Jakob and Jadyn are siblings that are very close and came to live at Arms of Hope over a year ago. Before coming to Arms of Hope, they lived in a shelter where they were fleeing from an unsafe, unhealthy and high risk living environment. They arrived at Arms of Hope just before the Holidays began.

Even though they were now in a safe and loving place, they were missing their family and the fear of a sad and lonely Christmas crept in their minds.

Their first Christmas at Arms of Hope actually alleviated all their worries and concerns. Recently, Jakob and Jadyn were asked to share memories of their first Christmas at Arms of Hope and what they are thankful for since arriving in Arms of Hope's care.

Jakob remembers sponsors coming on campus and generously donating their time to provide Christmas parties and gifts for the residents. "I appreciate all they did so much. It made it a great Christmas!"

Jadyn states: "My favorite presents included a makeup kit and clothes. I am so thankful."

Jakob and Jadyn also got to experience the true meaning of Christmas, celebrat-



ing the birth of Jesus. This had a profound impact on both children and especially Jadyn as she remembered, "My family stopped attending church when we were little. The amazing Christmas Eve candlelight service, at the church where Arms of Hope residents attend, highlighted the birth of the King and was so beautiful that it moved me beyond words."

The blessings and presents for Jakob and Jadyn even extended into the New Year. Jakob recalls, "Because of the generosity of supporters making Arms of Hope available to kids like me, I'm now able to participate in football and I love playing the trombone in the marching band." Jadyn also loves participating in basketball and volleyball and both Jakob and his sister have made great progress in their nurture group and therapeutic activities.

Because of supporters like you, Arms of Hope has given these children the chance to experience the holiday season with joy and safety. They are able to have a Christmas knowing that they are loved and cherished, while regularly attending church where they receive wonderful teachings of God's love, grace and mercy.

So, I humbly ask you today, as you count your many blessings and celebrate this wonderful season, to please make a tax-deductible donation to Arms of Hope so we can continue to change and bless hundreds of children lives like Jakob and Jadyn.

I pray that your Christmas is a time of joyful and cherished memories and as you prepare to celebrate, you will agree that it is a blessing to give to those in desperate need. That is truly the meaning of this most wonderful time of the year.

I sincerely thank you for all you've done for our children and I thank you in advance for what you're going to do. Arms of Hope will continue to work tirelessly to change the lives of all who God puts in our path. Please make a Christmas donation to Arms of Hope today.

Thank you and have a Merry Christmas!

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