



# The Giving Tree

## 2016 Gratitude Report



### Our Mission

The Giving Tree is dedicated to the charitable education of children. Inspiring today's youth to recognize the needs in the community and the positive results of helping others.

### What We Do

The Giving Tree provides educational giving opportunities for today's youth. Through events open to the public as well as private service programs, The Giving Tree is able to offer a charitable connection for children and teens.



5,217 handmade cards were made for the elderly, the homeless, kids in hospitals, our US military and local police & fire personnel.

# Who Are We Teaching?

Service programs are customized for groups large and small. Educational materials are provided as students work together in a team setting to achieve service hours if needed and simply to help those in our community.

Key Clubs

Honor Societies

Scouting Groups

Religious Groups

PTO/HAS Events

Sports Teams

Family Functions

School Assemblies

More than 1,200 youth Ages 5-16 participated in 'giving back' in 2016 through various hands-on-activities organized by The Giving Tree.



Over 1,000 Service Hours were filled by area students in 2016.

## Ambassador's Program

Our Ambassador Program provides a vehicle for our preteen & teen youth to be involved in The Giving Tree at a deeper level. Bringing an energy and new perspective, we look to our Ambassadors for feedback, to help younger children & to be leaders in our community.



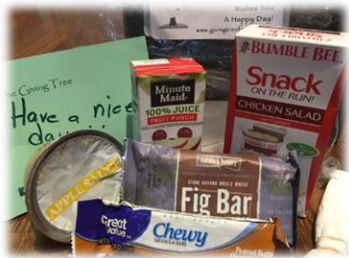
646 dog & cat toys were made for our furry friends in need of a forever home

# Who Are We Helping?

The Giving Tree delivered over 13,500 gifts to over 130 nonprofits in the tri state area in 2016.



We delivered 631 bags of school supplies to children in underprivileged schools.



4,726 gifts of snacks, socks and toiletries went to homeless and poverty-stricken individuals.



3,000 After School Snack bags went to local Boys & Girls Clubs

## A List of Some Recipient Organizations

Coordinated Homeless Outreach Center  
Interfaith Housing Alliance  
Norristown Ministries Hospitality Center  
Keystone Opportunity Center  
Montgomery Co. Child & Youth No. Children's Services  
Valley Youth House  
Montgomery County Advocacy Project Life Center  
Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission  
Sixth Street Allentown Shelter  
Manna on Main Street  
Mattie Dixon Food Cupboard  
Cecil & Grace Bean Soup Kitchen  
Boyertown Multi Service Food Pantry  
Chester Eastside Ministries  
Pennridge Fish  
Project Home  
Hope Gardens  
Operation Gratitude  
Philadelphia VA Medical Center  
Covenant House  
Red Cross House  
The Baby Bureau  
The Laurel House  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
Shriners Hospital for Children  
Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children  
Abington Memorial Hospital  
Doylestown Hospital  
Cooper Hospital  
Grandview Hospital  
Mercy Suburban Cancer Center  
North Penn United Way  
Montgomery County SPCA  
Home at Last Dog Rescue  
Meals on Wheels  
Ronald McDonald House  
Boys & Girls Clubs of America  
Interfaith Food Cupboard

# Our Volunteers

Our volunteers share a passion for teaching children the importance of giving back. Whether it is scheduling projects, making deliveries, identifying a need in the community, organizing projects, or working with the children, the thousands of hours donated by our volunteers is what makes The Giving Tree such a success.



## 2016 Highlights

2016 Crooked Billet Elementary 'Acceptance Day'

US Bank 'Take Your Child to Work Day'

Gwynedd Mercy Academy 'Mercy Connection Day'

Penn Suburban Business Expo

Summer Service Kit Program Launch

Peace & Smiles Community Day at the Montgomery Mall

The launch of our Service Spotlight Educational Pieces

Reaching a milestone of 5,000 Peace & Smiles Boxes®

As we look ahead into 2017, it is our mission to continue educational giving opportunities for today's youth. We are thrilled to be a part of this incredible community. We look forward to continuing and enhancing our community partnerships in the future.

*"Be the change you wish to see in the world" - Gandhi*

