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A Christmas Story



"Come in, honey," the voice of a frail woman murmured as I stood at the door. I opened the door to see Beth in her wheelchair, barely able to make her way across the living area to a small kitchen table covered in medication bottles, oxygen tubing, and papers with medical lingo adorning them. "Have a seat, honey - I'm so glad to see you; you look so pretty today." Those are always her kind words to me as I enter her modest one bedroom apartment.

I met Beth and Nick quite some time ago and have been working with them closely for over two years. Nick is Beth's biological grandson, but was adopted by her several years ago when Nick's mother was not able to care for him. They have been inseparable since that time and Beth's health condition has always been a concern. She was diagnosed with emphysema over a decade ago but as the disease has progressed, it has caused several other complications and medical issues. Beth has been hospitalized many times in the last few months, with over five of them being critical, requiring Nick and the rest of the family to prepare for Beth's death. Talk with Nick about it and he just says, "Well, she can't die - she has to be here for Christmas, and then her birthday, and then..." Nick and I have spent long hours talking about the impending prognosis and the reality that even the doctors are now saying "she will barely make it through the month". Nick is now part of Beth's full-time care team. He comes and goes from school, but other than that, refuses to leave her side - which has meant giving up his love of playing the guitar, working on his next badge in Boy Scouts, and missing the Youth Group at church that for years functioned as his second family.

But talk to Beth and you will be even more touched, "I am getting sicker, I know it. But I still have work to do here in this family - Nick needs me and the Good Lord will just have to wait a little longer". Beth is an incredibly strong and independent woman whom has rarely ever been willing to receive hand outs, yet whom has raised a wonderful, caring young man single handedly. This Christmas will be her last for sure but without an income and only a social security check (which goes towards her medical needs), her Christmas this year will be even less joyful. Beth has said "I won't accept help for me this Christmas; but I want help for my family. I want to give them a good Christmas so they have something to be happy about instead of all the sadness surrounding my health; I want Christmas to be good this year, for them to remember me by."

Through the very generous contributions from the Deere & Co. Law Department, many of the items needed have been donated to the family this Christmas.



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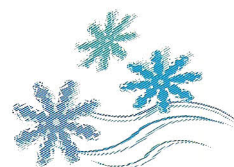
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*Every year YSB therapists work with families that won't be able to give Christmas gifts to their children. Usually, the agency receives donations to provide gifts for ten to twelve children, but this year the employees of **Euclid Beverage Company** provided Christmas presents for fifty children!*

Euclid gave \$100 to each of their employees to buy Christmas gifts for clients served by YSB. Euclid drivers and salesmen went shopping for gifts and delivered them to the company's annual Christmas party.



On December 8, two of Euclid's salesmen, Derek Luna and Tony Trego, stopped by YSB to deliver \$2,100 in toys, clothes, hats, gloves and gift cards.

Many thanks to the generosity of Euclid Beverage and it's employees!!



Please consider making a donation by printing this contribution form and mailing your tax-deductible gift to the YSB at 4709 44 St., Suite 5, Rock Island, IL 61201. Donations may also be made via our website at www.ysbri.com Thank You.

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