

December 20, 2007

Dear Fort Collins Area Swim Team Members and Families:

As we write this our social work offices are literally overflowing with presents and gift cards. There are no adequate words to express our deep appreciation for your generosity and caring. Our clinic serves many low-income and uninsured patients. This is a difficult and sad time of year for many of our folks, who struggle daily to obtain primary needs of food, clothing and shelter for themselves and their children.

When the families came into pick up their gifts they were absolutely amazed. Several were brought to tears, others were speechless and all were greatly moved by your overwhelming benevolence. Without your kindness these families would not have had a Christmas this year. The young woman who received a donation for an orthopedic consultation has been struggling for a year with a very painful and disabling leg condition. But because she has no insurance and very little income, she has not been able to see a specialist. She wept for almost two minutes when we told her that she would now be able to schedule her much needed medical consult. Several of our parents became tearful as they saw that they are now going to be able to give presents to their children.

Please know the joy and assistance that you brought to these families by your outpouring of support. They thank you and we thank you. We would also like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Coach Tasha, who spearheaded this project. Blessings to you all, and best wishes for a happy holiday and a great 2008.

Sincerely,

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