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Dear Members of the Bowling Green Community,

Have you considered the challenges faced by families who may be unable to provide their children with a joyful holiday experience?

Right here in our own Bowling Green School District, many families struggle to meet basic needs, and the holiday season can bring additional financial challenges.

For the past nineteen years, the Dear Santa Society of Bowling Green has been dedicated to supporting local families experiencing financial hardship during the holiday season. We invite you to join us in continuing this meaningful tradition and helping bring the spirit of Christmas to children in our community.

The mission of The Dear Santa Society is to support families facing financial difficulties while promoting the self-esteem and overall well-being of our students. Providing new clothing, holiday gifts, and essential hygiene products can make a meaningful difference in a child's life.

Thanks to the benevolence of our community, our support efforts have expanded markedly in 2025, enabling us to assist more children and families than ever before.We were able to serve *235 children and their families within the Bowling Green area, distributing 51 bicycles, 158 coats, 185 pairs of shoes, as well as diapers and other necessities. Additionally, we provided vital household supplies including laundry detergent, hams, fruit (donated by the FFA), paper products, and toiletries.*

We continue to strengthen our community partnerships with organizations such as, Bowling Green Schools Foundation,BGHS DECA, The Gospel House, Lets Build Beds, and actBG, to better serve local families. For the fifth consecutive year, we collaborated with the Brown Bag Project to supply eggs, milk, and other items to complete holiday meals. Our dedicated volunteers worked diligently to wrap approximately three thousand gifts during our annual wrapping event.

Your generosity can help ensure that local children experience the joy, dignity, and excitement of the holiday season. Together, we can remind these students that their community cares about them and believes in their future.

Please consider supporting the Dear Santa Society of Bowling Green this holiday season. Your kindness can make Christmas a little brighter for a child right here in our community.

Sincerely,

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Founders

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