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Dear Friends,

Since 1996, Helping Hands has been an instrumental program in providing clothing, toys, and other necessities to eligible children and adult seniors in Stanly County. We have been able to do this with the help of people like you! In 2022, we made Christmas even brighter for **More than 500 children and adult seniors** whose families could not afford to do so themselves. We are thankful to start the holiday season, regaining a semblance of normalcy after several years of hardship. Lasting economic strife can still be felt within the community, and you can make a difference just in time for this Christmas season.

Here are two ways you can help support a family this year during Christmas:

1. **Adopt a Child or Senior**: If you or your organization wants to adopt a child or senior this Christmas, we'd love to hear from you! Please complete our Adoption Form on our website at www.sccminc.org/helping-hands. You can submit this form online, call 704.985.4615, or email helpinghands@sccminc.org to let us know your interest.

One idea! Some churches or organizations use an **Adopt an Angel Tree** where multiple children and seniors can be displayed for adoption. You can indicate if you would like to do this on the online Adoption Form.

2. **Make a financial contribution**: If you cannot adopt a child or senior, you can use the envelope provided to make a financial contribution that supports the Helping Hands program and continues to bless families during Christmas.

If you have questions, please contact me at 704.985.4615 or via email at helpinghands@sccminc.org. We are grateful to partner with you this Christmas season!

With your help, we can make Christmas bright for all the children in Stanly County!

Blessed to Be a Blessing,

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