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Adopt a family this season through Community Action

There are numerous ways to donate to worthwhile causes during the holiday season.

Consider keeping it local this year by joining Community Action's annual Adopt-a-Class or Adopt-a-Family campaign.

Thousands of families — friends and neighbors — will be facing a season without the joy that comes with exchanging gifts to celebrate the holidays. During these unprecedented economic times, more families than ever will be unable to put gifts under the Christmas tree.

Community Action invites

the entire community to help by purchasing items from the wish lists created by hundreds of parents and children enrolled in Community Action's Head Start program.

No minimum contributions are required to participate and all gifts are 100 percent tax deductible.

Suggested donations include outdoor clothing, including rain boots, coats, mittens and scarves. All gifts for children will be gratefully accepted and distributed to local households during the week of Dec. 20.

Last school year, Commu-

nity Action Head Start served 946 children and their families by providing the first step toward a lifetime of educational success. Seventy-seven percent of those families are living at or below federal poverty guidelines.

To adopt a class (or family) this holiday season, contact Elena Uhing at 503-693-3252 or e-mail euhing@caowash.org.

Community Action is a private 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. In partnership with the community, Community Action assists low-income people to achieve self-determination.