



## **DEAR FRIENDS**

The Happy Trails Children's Foundation and the boys in our care have a lot to be grateful for these days. We want to thank each and everyone one of you for your friendship and loyal support of our Major Projects Appeal in July. Your generosity enabled us to move forward on the permanent cover over the outdoor exercise equipment area. We plan to break ground on this project early in the new year. You also helped defray the cost of the roof repairs and replacement. We couldn't have done it without YOU!

No matter how hectic things get around the holidays, we hope you will take some time to think about the things that are really important in life; like family, home and others who are less fortunate. The traditional holiday family gathering that we often take for granted is just a dream for some, especially like the boys served by our foundation.

Please help us make the boys Christmas Merry and Bright, and a New Year full of happiness and hope! Being separated from friends and family is difficult for the boys particularly during the holidays. Your gifts will continue to help make a significant difference in their lives. This year the boys searched on Amazon for gifts they want for Christmas and the staff approved of their choices up to a set limit. On Christmas morning their gifts will be placed under the Christmas tree for them to open after breakfast. The day's activities include lunch at a local restaurant, and an afternoon movie followed by dinner at another local restaurant.

Year-end giving is as easy as 1 2 3. 1. Make a charitable gift with a check or your credit card (and possibly earn valuable points!). 2. Take a tax deduction on your 2025 income tax return. 3. Know that your valuable gift is making a difference in the life of a child. Check with your tax professional about the advantages of charitable giving.

We are honored to carry on the legacy of Roy and Dale, and the vital work with at-risk children who were so important to them. They wanted to create hope where none existed for children who had been abused or neglected. Their commitment and unwavering support helped us provide a safe and secure environment in which the boys could heal and recover. We hope you will continue to lend your support!

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Margaret Netcell

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