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**Dream Home Charities makes the holidays brighter
for children and families in central and southern Illinois**
Non-profit volunteer agency "adopts" 69 families in 17 counties

- WHAT:** EAST ALTON, IL – The holidays will be brighter this year for 69 families served by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) in 17 central and southern Illinois counties (Adams, Brown, Schuyler, Cass, Scott, Morgan, Sangamon, Macoupin, Montgomery, Jersey, Madison, Bond, St. Clair, Clinton, Washington, Randolph and Jefferson) thanks to a generous donation from Dream Home Charities of Wood River Illinois, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that will donate over 3500 pounds of food, coats, gifts and household items. The event will feature a Winter Wonderland party, photos with Santa, petting zoo, crafts and refreshments.
- WHY:** To show support for families and children living in foster care or participating in the DCFS Intact Family Services Program, Dream Home Charities "adopted" 156 central and southern Illinois children to ensure they have a happy holiday season.
- WHEN:** Saturday, December 7, 2019
Best time to attend 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. DCFS staff arrive to "Fill Santa's Semi"
To protect confidentiality, children in foster care may not be photographed or recorded.
- WHERE:** 166 E. Airline Drive, East Alton, IL 62024
(Formerly known as Connect Church - North Campus)
- WHO:** Sherry Gilleland, founder, Dream Home Charities
Tiffany Gula, child protection advanced specialist, Illinois DCFS

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