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Dear Dr. Beard and Challenge X members:

In representing the Houghton/Baraga/Keweenaw County Department of Human Services, I would like to extend our extreme appreciation to your members of Challenge X who helped us this past holiday season by delivering gifts to our needy adults. Every year, our volunteer services division tries to reach out to our low-income adults, families and children on our protective services caseload. We request donations from the community and match these donations with the needy individuals. Most of these gifts need to be delivered, since many of these folks live far from the office and some don't have vehicles.

Your members came through and were willing to deliver at least 30 gifts to people in the outlying communities in Houghton and Baraga County. They were so pleasant and willing to do this, it was heartening to see their enthusiasm. I hope they received some positive feedback from the people they delivered too.

In our three county area, we ended serving about 560 adults with this outreach. Please extend our thanks to the members who helped in this outreach.

We traditionally do this every year and if anyone is helping out for next year, they can contact me at 483-3858, or e-mail at kentj2@michigan.gov

Thank you again

Sincerely,

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