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Dear Christmas is for Kids Parent or Guardian,

We hope that this finds you well. Our big news is that we have moved! Over the summer we packed up everything and love to the 3rd floor at Emerald Square Mall in North Attleboro.

Applications and story sheets will be available by October 1 and I am strongly encouraging you to fill out the application and get it to us as soon as possible. You can find them on our [website:](http://www.councilforchidlren.org/) www.[CouncilforChildren](http://www.councilforchidlren.org/).org

We will also have copies outside our office at 4 Hodges Street, Attleboro.

Some additional information for you to be aware of:

* Classes are required for all returning parents: 8 hours for parents in the first 4 years participating in the program and for parents who are applying for a 5th year or more, an additional 4 hours are required, specifically on personal finance. We have again partnered with other non-profits and given you lots of options to take classes.
* When you fill out the story sheet, please **do not** include a list of specific items.  We are planning on more children than last year's 900 children, so please just give us a couple of items and answer the questions on the front. We will prioritize warm clothes and do our best to match as closely as possible for toys, but please remember that we will substitute when we need to. I am assuming we may be doing more gift cards than usual for the teens, who I know love to shop for themselves anyway.
* When you return the application, it is extremely important that you put all of your required information with the application and story sheet in a **SEALED** envelope in the mailbox near our door. Work is being done in the building and in our little office and we want to keep your information secure.

Our plan is to reach out to parents as soon as your application is approved to let you know that we are working on your children's gifts. We will have a 1-day distribution as in prior years. We will send a follow-up letter in early December with the date and time for you to pick up the gifts.

Volunteers are already working to get things ready for your children. ﻿Please let us know if you have questions.

Be well and stay safe!

Kelly

Chairperson, Christmas is for Kids

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