

notes

OF INTEREST

Play and Learn centers aid others

Students and parents of area **Play and Learn centers** supported a variety of charities during the holiday season.

Manna on Main Street in Lansdale was aided by the center in Lansdale, which collected three boxes of food items during the Thanksgiving holiday. The Lansdale center is also collecting new pajamas and books for the Pajama Program, an organization that delivers warm sleepwear and nurturing books to children in need.

The Ambler Community Cupboard, a "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" community organization, where qualified individuals can go to receive a week's worth of groceries, received six large grocery bags full of food donations and some new toys from the Blue Bell Play and Learn.

The Green Lane Play and Learn "adopted" a family through The Open Line, a non-

profit, social service agency dedicated to helping adults and families in the greater Upper Perkiomen Valley.

Toys for Tots was aided by the center in Abington, which collected two barrels full of toys that were donated to these children. The children at the Abington Gerstadt Center also made cards and pictures to give to patients at the Abington Memorial Hospital to lift their spirits during the holiday season.

The Ardmore Play and Learn collected food and toy donations for the St. Barnabas Mission in West Philadelphia.

The Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth, an organization working directly with families to provide services to improve family conditions, received more than 50 gift donations from the Collegeville Play and Learn.

The Hatboro and Bryn Mawr centers collected food donations for the Preston and Steve Food Drive for Philabundance.

Fort Washington Infant and Toddler center and Preschool center collected donations of new, unwrapped gifts for 40 children at Wordsworth Academy.

