

## **Play and Learn Teaches Young Children the Importance of Giving**

Family get-togethers, crowded shopping malls, soaring wrapping paper, and one ton of confetti released over Time Square each year as the ball drops. This is what comes to mind when thinking about the holiday season.

For Play and Learn, the meaning of the holiday season is more than just that. Throughout the year, our children are taught the meaning of giving and sharing with others. During this past holiday season, more than one thousand families at our ten Play and Learn centers reached deep into their hearts and supported a variety of charities, encouraging our children to understand the importance of helping others.

Among the charities and the Play and Learn locations involved were:

The Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth, an organization working directly with families to provide services to improve family conditions, received over fifty generous gift donations from our Collegeville Play and Learn.

Manna on Main Street is an organization that provides a place for families to go to receive meals seven days a week, groceries that they otherwise could not afford, emergency aid and youth programs for the North Penn area. Our center in Lansdale collected 3 huge boxes of food items during the Thanksgiving holiday to donate to this helpful organization. The Lansdale center is also currently collecting new pajamas and books for the Pajama Program, an organization that delivers warm sleepwear and nurtur-

ing books to children in need.

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. The family received generous donations of toys, clothes and household items to provide a memorable holiday for their three children.

Overall, the Play and Learn families came together this holiday season to give the gift of joy to those less fortunate than ourselves. We are proud of our families and will continue to help families in need throughout the year. If you would like more information about our Play and Learn centers, please contact 215-643-4142 and visit [www.playandlearn.com](http://www.playandlearn.com).

