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Summit County Children Services Hosted Winter Wonderland Drive-Thru

AKRON, Ohio – December 2020 – Summit County Children Services (SCCS) hosted their first ever Winter Wonderland Drive-Thru event on Friday, December 4th. This special event took the place of the annual caregiver party that includes foster and kinship caregivers and the children placed with their families.

The drive thru event, spearheaded by agency staff, featured outside holiday decorations, and staff dressed in elf, reindeer and snowman costumes along with a socially distant visit from Santa Claus. Families were assigned a time to drive thru the grounds of the agency and enjoy the lights, trees, decorations and holiday music. This event provided a safe, fun activity for families and children served by SCCS all while in the comfort of their own vehicle.

“In these challenging times, we were fortunate to be able to provide a safe and creative way to celebrate the holidays with our caregivers and children,” said Julie Barnes, Executive Director.

There were 95 families and caregivers who participated and 287 children who received filled stockings, stuffed animals, pajamas and a family pass to drive thru the Magic of Lights at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. The pajamas were in part donated by the SCCS Foster Parent Association and community donors. SCCS thanks them and the many community members for the funds donated to the agency that helped with the purchase of the vouchers for the Magic of Lights.

For more information about SCCS or how to become a foster parent, please visit the website at summitkids.org or call the foster home inquiry number at (330) 379-1990.

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