



News Release

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Lifesteps Helps Spread Christmas Spirit to Local Families

BUTLER, PA – Lifesteps, a local non-profit organization, with the help of the Butler Community, will once again provide over 70 local children in need with Christmas spirit this holiday season.

Lifesteps invites community members, as well as organizations and businesses, to participate by selecting an ornament from the Lifesteps' Christmas Spirit Tree and purchasing a gift for that child.

Lifesteps' Spirit Tree is on display at its central office located at 383 New Castle Rd. in Butler. Business hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. All gifts are to be placed under the tree no later than Friday, Dec. 11, 2009. Presents must be wrapped and include a tag which lists the child's name and contents of the package.

Students from Butler High Schools' Child Development classes raised funds to purchase gifts for four children they have chosen from the spirit tree. The students also made a trip to Lifesteps' Central Office to decorate the tree with ornaments they hand-crafted. The ornaments not only provide patrons with the child's name, age and wish list, but also something for them to take home and put on their tree.

To learn more about the Christmas Spirit Tree Program or for information on how an organization or business can adopt a family, please contact Jody Gulish, Director of Family Services, at 724-283-1010.

Lifesteps has offered family-focused services in a caring, nurturing environment to western Pennsylvania communities for over 85 years. Services include preschool and child care for children with and without special needs, FREE developmental and autism screenings for children, a medically-monitored day program for adults and seniors, and programs and services for adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities. The Lifesteps' Family Caring Fund is restricted to paying expenditures not otherwise reimbursed by federal, state or county programs. For more information, call Lifesteps at 800-225-2010 or log on to www.lifesteps.net.

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