**“Bringing Moments of Joy / Leaving Happy Memories”**

St Nicholas Children’s Charities is very grateful for your generous support in 2021. Your generosity helps bless many children and families during the most difficult time in their lives.

Covid had a big impact on our efforts again this past year. Children’s hospitals and other organizations decided to play it safe and not have in person events. Instead we recorded videos from Santa for the kids, to reassure them they are loved and Santa would still deliver for Christmas. We continued to supply toys, games, gift cards and support throughout the year as always.

We received a call from Cook Children’s Hospital mid-summer asking if we had any pre-COVID made stuffed animals. We had purchased several in 2018/2019 at deep discounts and were able to provide a couple hundred for them.

Delivery of toys and games to Cooks in 2021 totaled over 1,000 items for the first time. At Christmas, it took three very full vehicles to deliver everything, and filled several carts, which was very exciting. It blessed many, many children. Plans for Christmas 2022 delivery may include a motorcycle escort by Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA)

We continued with support of families through Ronald McDonald house. We provided nearly $2,000 in gift cards for meals and gas through our Christmas in July gift card drive. At Christmas time we were able to provide over more gift cards, about 200 toys, and covered lodging for the Crawford family so they could stay together while daughter received Leukemia treatment.

As 2022 begins, we are hopeful we can return to in person visits at some level, but will remain flexible to the needs of those we serve and safety of the children. We have reached out to our Hospitals, RMDH, Kinder Frogs & Community hospice for input on other ways we may be able help.

We are so grateful for the generous support we receive to help fulfill our mission to **“Bring moments of Joy & Leave Happy Memories”** for so many children and families.