



## 2007 CECH Holiday Gift Drive for GEARUP 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and Hamilton County Foster Children

This year CECH will join GEARUP and Hamilton County Job and Family Services (HCJFS) to provide gifts to 830 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Cincinnati GEARUP Success Partnership and some of the 6,000 children from birth to age 19 in Foster Care.

We hope you can find the time and money to purchase a gift for one or more of these children in need. By doing so, you will brighten the day of child who may feel lost and forgotten.

When bringing in your gift, attach the child's description (age and male or female) so that we know for whom you intended your gift and we will distribute your gift appropriately.

We ask you to recognize the following guidelines when buying your gift:

- **Ages:** Gifts are needed for 830 8<sup>th</sup> graders and more than 6,000 children from newborn to age 19 are in foster care in the Greater Cincinnati area.
- **Non-Violent:** Please, do not donate violence-oriented toys.
- **Diversity:** Please remember that the majority of children we are serving are minorities. When buying dolls, please make them culturally appropriate.
- **Wrapping:** Do not wrap your gifts. We prefer gifts to be unwrapped.
- **Batteries:** It is better if gifts do not require batteries because they are difficult to replace once they run down, but if your gift requires them, please supply the correct size and number.
- **Date:** As we must distribute the gifts to the children before the last day of school before winter break, please drop your gift off to the GEARUP office (CECH Partners for Achieving School Success, 5140 Edwards One) by Friday, December 7, 2007.

Thank you for your generosity!  
Remember, Please bring your gifts to 5140 Edwards One by December 7<sup>th</sup>!

