

## News Release

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### **Cummings Foundation Funds Sister Santa Gift Program Gift provides toys, clothes, and more to 20 foster children this holiday season**

**BOSTON** – Each year, hundreds of children enter the [Massachusetts Department of Children and Families](#) (DCF) foster care system between November and the end of the year. Unfortunately, because these additions to foster families are rarely anticipated, many of these children are left without presents to open during holiday celebrations. Thanks to the [Cummings Foundation](#), that won't be the case for approximately 20 foster children this year.

The Cummings Foundation issued a grant to the [Boston Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence](#) Sister Santa Program. Through the program, now in its fifth year, the Sisters provide to children within DCF giftwrapped clothing, toys, gift cards, personalized decorated holiday stockings stuffed with candy, and personalized holiday greeting cards.

According to Sister Lida Christ, BSPI Mistress of Novices, “Prior to the Cummings grant, through a series of community based fund-raisers, the Sisters raised enough money to help make this year’s holidays brighter for almost 200 children. The Cummings grant allows us to reach 10% more children and brings us closer to our goal of 250.”

The gift was part of the Cummings Foundation’s Employee Directed Giving initiative.

The Cummings Foundation has awarded more than \$140 million in grants to nonprofits based in Greater Boston. Through a variety of initiatives it seeks to provide vital funding to mostly local charities that are working to improve the lives of community members through education, healthcare, human services, and social justice programs.

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