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Freestate Homebrewers Club Guild
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Dear Freestate Homebrewers Club Guild,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and especially our clients, thank you for participating in House Of Ruth Maryland's Adopt A Family holiday program. Your generosity is contagious, and leaves a lasting impression on everyone here. A record 450 families were adopted this year; that's an increase of 50 families since last year, and an increase of 200 families since 2009!

The statistics about domestic violence are unsettling. One in three women and one in ten men will be in an abusive relationship at some point in his or her life. Between 24% - 30% of victims who work lose their jobs because of domestic violence. We at House Of Ruth Maryland are committed to helping clients, both through direct services and systems-level change. Last year, the House Of Ruth Maryland served over 15,000 people – just over 9,000 clients, over 500 children, and thousands of friends, family and other professionals who are struggling with the trauma of domestic violence. In addition, through legislative work, we impacted thousands of other victims who will never even reach out to us for help.

In the midst of the trauma and long process of healing and rebuilding their lives, Adopt A Family gives our clients a reason to celebrate. The families that were adopted are delighted and overwhelmed by your kindness and thoughtfulness. Enclosed you will find a personal note from the family you adopted. Thank you again for thinking of victims of domestic violence this holiday season. Best wishes for a peaceful and joyous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Jana Mauro

Associate Director of Development

