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Hello SGMP Louisiana members and friends!

Was anyone else ecstatic when their calendars rolled over to December? I needed the cheer this month brings forth. I needed something to celebrate. I needed a pretty tree decorated to the max sitting in living room lighting up the night. Most of all, I needed normalcy and routine. Man! It feels great!

Speaking of routine, I think it is important to mention the Board is doing everything we can to return to in-person monthly education meetings. This month's Annual Education Conference will be our first in-person gathering since March. All of our meetings will have social distancing measures in place.

During the time approaching Christmas, we would like to invite you, your organization and friends to help us support foster youth through the efforts of [James Samaritan](#). They provide support, supplies, clothing... whatever is needed to help a foster child be successful. They work closely with the child welfare systems to support children from crib to college.

We would like to gather toys, gifts, clothing, bath goods, arts and craft supplies, and room decorations for area foster youth. These will be delivered to the James Samaritan location in Covington and re-distributed to foster families to ensure there are gifts under the tree this year. Please join us in making this holiday season happy for foster youth!

I hope you all have a pleasant holiday season and get to enjoy time with those in your COVID bubble. May 2021 find our world a better place.

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