

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter to acknowledge and thank the girls at MBIT. I am an elementary school teacher at Lewis Elkin Elementary and last Christmas (December 2013) the girls at MBIT adopted my classroom for the holidays. These girls did not just go spend a few dollars and donate gifts. These girls donated their time, money, and services to make a difference in the lives of my students.

My school, is located in a high poverty, high crime neighborhood in inner-city Philadelphia. Most of my students come to school with very little. For most of them, kindergarten is their first school experience. My classroom is the place they spend most of their time outside of their home. As a teacher, my priority is to make sure my students feel safe, comfortable, and receive the best education possible. At times this is difficult. The School District of Philadelphia is facing a financial deficit and the students are the ones suffering. As much as I would love to give my students everything they deserve, it's not possible for one person. Your girls, with the help of JoAnn McLaughlin saw this struggle and reached out to help as a service learning project. This project really made a difference.

On December 23, 2013 after putting so much time and effort into this project, the girls personally came to my classroom to deliver Christmas presents, winter accessories and school supplies to my students. This day will forever be a memory for me. As a teacher, to see my students so happy is a blessing. The project didn't stop there. Your girls kept in touch throughout the rest of the school year to make sure my students were doing well. These girls really took this project serious and for that I am forever grateful.

Please pass this letter onto them and my sincere gratitude.

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