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Local children have happier holiday

Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel received a call earlier this year from local business owner David Crorey from Crorey Creations in Clinton Township eager to help children locally. Hackel immediately thought of the children from the Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center and foster care children helped by the Department of Human Services.

On December 19, 2011, the JJC received the generous donation valued at \$5,000 from Crorey. Nine of the children who were to receive the donation were able to watch as Crorey's two granddaughters demonstrated the kits. A total of 200 *My Friendship Bracelet Maker* kits were donated.

"It was great to see how much the children are going to enjoy the friendship bracelet kits," said Hackel. "It should provide them with lots of entertainment and keep them busy."

According to Crorey, the *My Friendship Bracelet Maker* kit helps children to make a bracelet by keeping their threads organized. The kits, which were created three years ago, are now sold nationwide.

"We live in Macomb county, so we wanted to give back to this county," said Crorey of why he made the donation.

JJC Director Charles Seidelman said art and craft projects at the JJC are well received by the youth there. "The kits are going to be very useful at the JJC," he said. "They will help the kids stay busy while creating items that they can donate to the less fortunate."

Thanks to the combined efforts of Executive Hackel and Mr. Crorey, many local children will have a happier holiday season this year.

****Photos available upon request****

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