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## **INS Employees Spread Holiday Cheer**

Arlington, VA.....Employees of the Washington District Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, (INS) brought a little joy into the lives of area children. The District's Detention and Removal Program adopted 31 children from CONCERN- Professional Services for Children, Youth, and Family. Charles Zeithen, Assistant District Director for Detention and Removal and his employees fulfilled the wish lists for the children that include toys, jewelry, books and games. The employees also collected over \$265 that was used to purchase other toys and gifts.

CONCERN-Professional Services for Children, Youth and Family organization provides foster care for abused and neglected children, specializing in foster care services for children who are emotionally disturbed and who are disabled. "We do not intend to make this a one time event. We would like to make this an annual event possibly on a larger scale reaching out to other organizations," said Warren A. Lewis, District Director.

In another effort to spread holiday cheer, District employees will be handing out hats, gloves, and socks to the homeless on the streets in Washington, DC on Friday, December 21, 2001. Deputy District Director Phyllis A. Howard and other District employees will also visit several shelters in the area to deliver personal care packages for the needy. "This is just the start of what we can do as a District to reach out to the community to help those less fortunate than ourselves", said Deputy District Director Howard.