



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Corrections Adopts a Family at Christmas**

Once again the Corrections Division of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office has adopted a family to help brighten their holiday season. St. Mary's Corrections Officers and civilian employees have adopted a family every year since 1996. Senior Administrative Coordinator D. Leann Quade and Administrative Coordinator Valerie Hayden work with the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services to identify a family in need.

Ms. Quade started the program for the Corrections Division fifteen years ago. "We do it for the children. Kids have no control over their parent's financial situation. We love to see the smiles on their faces when Santa shows up at the door with gifts. Our employees are very fortunate and we want to share our good fortune with our community."

Corrections employees rallied together to raise over \$700.00 to purchase booster seats, winter coats, shoes, clothing and toys for the adopted family's children who are ages 5, 4, and 2. In addition, the Corrections employees also purchased a Wii for the entire family to enjoy.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division.

