



December 28th, 2016

Betty Gitlin-Rich
Park Avenue Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
50 Paul Revere Road
Arlington, MA 02476-5748

Dear Ms. Gitlin-Rich:

On behalf of A Bed for Every Child I want to thank you for your gift from your heart of \$500.00. It is hard to imagine any child without a bed, but not having one for the holidays seems even more unimaginable. With your generous gift along with many others, there will be a lot of children this Christmas Eve who will be snuggled in their own bed.

Let me tell you about a few of the children that your gift made possible for sugar plums to dance in their head while they are snug in their bed. Meagan is 10 years old growing up in Springfield and has been sleeping on a mattress that had seen far better days. Jonathan who is 5, growing up in Stoughton, has never had a bed of his own, instead sharing one with his older brother. Anna and Annie are sisters and since moving to Falmouth they have been sleeping on the floor.

Although these children live in different parts of Massachusetts there is one thing they all have in common: they are growing up in poverty and their parents could not afford a bed for them. With your generosity Meagan, Jonathan, Anna and Annie as well as many more children now have a bed of their own.

In the corridors of poverty in cities and towns throughout our state there are many children in need of a bed of their own – and A Bed for Every Child is working to make that happen throughout the year – and years to come!

So Virginia there is a Santa Claus and you along with hundreds of others are just that – Santa Claus – but instead of gifts you are giving the gift of a bed for children to dream in not just on Christmas Eve but throughout the year(s) to come!

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Robyn Frost
Executive Director

Sister Linda Bessom SND,
Community Organizer