



Dear Organization,

As you may know, the holidays are just around the corner. The holidays are a busy and exciting time for our local area children. With today's local economy and one of the state's highest unemployment rates, many of our region's families are finding it hard to meet their basic needs.

The Piscataquis Santa project is a regional effort to serve the many children of the greater Piscataquis County area during the holiday season. The Piscataquis Santa project has already started collecting toys, coats, boots, socks, mittens and more to help meet these needs. This project will offer an online registration for families to register their children that will open on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and be available until November 20<sup>th</sup>. The second part of the project focuses on creating a more effective collection and distribution system of the items collected. This is accomplished by working with area partners such as Toys for Tots, Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis, Three Rivers Kiwanis, Penquis and Maine's Best to name a few.

We are still looking for other organizations, groups and businesses to join this effort. Here are a few ways you could help the cause:

- Become a partner
- Become a drop off location
- Run a Piscataquis Santa Drive
- Make a donation of gifts or cash by calling Penquis, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
- Host an employee or volunteer in-house drive
- Offer to volunteer as a Santa's Helper
- Create a fund raiser for the project.

If you are interested in helping this regional project move forward or would like additional information, please visit [www.piscataquisresources.org](http://www.piscataquisresources.org) or contact James or Sheree at Penquis.

Sincerely,

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