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Fire Destroys Christmas Gifts for WINGS Women and Children

On December 11, 2007 a fire broke out in the office complex housing WINGS administrative offices causing severe smoke damage to Christmas Gifts set aside for the women and children of WINGS.

Each year the landlord of the complex on Remington Rd. in Schaumburg provides empty office space for WINGS to wrap and store Christmas gifts for program graduates and current residents of its emergency and transitional housing facilities. Beth Gardham, WINGS Director of Community Development, oversees the gift-wrapping and giving process.

For the women and children of WINGS, these holiday gifts are a welcome release to the stress and unrest that accompanies homelessness and fear resulting from domestic violence. At this late date, WINGS is in dire need of gift cards and monetary donations to replace the gifts and make Christmas joyful for members and graduates of its program.

WINGS is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community agency with the mission to provide a continuum of integrated services in an effort to end domestic violence and

homelessness one family at a time. WINGS currently operates 24 homes and apartments throughout the north and northwest suburbs and in the city of Chicago. Communities with transitional homes include Arlington Heights, Barrington, Des Plaines, Hoffman Estates, Mount Prospect, Palatine, Park Ridge, Schaumburg, and Skokie. WINGS opened its 15,000 sq. ft. domestic violence shelter in January 2005. On any given night over 100 women and children receive housing through WINGS. In addition to shelter, WINGS provides therapeutic counseling, mentoring, children's activities, career services, legal and medical advocacy and much more.

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