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**CHILDREN'S COORDINATED SERVICES INITIATIVE (CCSI) BRINGS
HOLIDAY CHEER TO CHILDREN IN PUTNAM COUNTY**

*Putnam Family & Community Services, Green Chimneys, and the
Putnam County Youth Bureau come together to support and celebrate our youth*

Putnam County, NY – A joint community partnership brought Putnam County youth and their families together for a night filled with food, fun and festivities. As members of the Children's Coordinated Services Initiative (CCSI), Putnam Family & Community Services (PFCS), Green Chimneys Community Based Services, and the Putnam County Youth Bureau teamed once again on December 6th to host their annual children's holiday party. More than 80 people--children, parents, and caretakers--gathered at the Mahopac Fire Department to celebrate the holiday season.

In cooperation with the Toys for Tots Foundation, a program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, gifts were distributed to all children in attendance, brightening their holidays and putting smiles on their faces. The holiday craft table was a big hit this year as children created holiday gifts for friends and family.

Many generous donations made this wonderful evening possible, including funds to buy gift cards for the older children and food for holiday dinners. A special thank you goes to the Brewster Rotary for providing the wonderful buffet dinner and Ace Endico for supplying the delicious dessert.

The CCSI team includes Christina McGuigan, Connie Chin, Stephanie Roberts, Wanda Crowley, Suleiska Richardson, Jenna Tompkins, and Raleighn Williams from PFCS; Dawn Mullins from the Putnam County Department of Mental Health; and Eva Ziggaro, Nicole Dwyer, Erin Dommermuth, and Claire Ragano from Green Chimneys. Along with Joseph A. DeMarzo, Deputy Commissioner of Social Services, Mental Health and Youth Bureau for Putnam County, the team came together to provide a great night of community, gift giving, and fun. "The families we serve through the CCSI program always say that this event is the highlight of their holiday season," said Christina McGuigan, PFCS Coordinator of Community Based Services. "Everyone has a wonderful time, and the children are so excited to enjoy the night with their families and receive very special gifts. We all feel and share the joy and gratitude of the season."

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About Children's Coordinated Services Initiative (CCSI)

CCSI is a partnership between family members and service providers designed to assist families whose children have mental health needs. The goal is to keep families together by creating linkages to community based services.

About Putnam Family and Community Services, Inc.

Putnam Family and Community Services, Inc. (PFCS) is the only private non-profit agency providing recovery-based mental health and substance use treatment and prevention services in Putnam County, NY. PFCS offers hope and healing to people of all ages through a comprehensive range of services including individual and group counseling, care coordination, family advocacy, parenting education, community outreach, psychiatric rehabilitation, and medication management.