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VAN WERT – The Van Wert Community Club stepped up and donated stockings filled with gifts for all 50 of the youth in group home and foster care at the Marsh Foundation. The generous donation is making the holiday a little more special for many.

The stockings included things like slippers, toys, candy and movie passes for the children. Club members Leilonnee Taylor and Deb Pearson were on hand to deliver the items to the Marsh last week.

"The Marsh does so much for the community and we see the kids out in the community giving back, so we wanted to be able to do something for them," said Taylor, the organization's current president.

Dawn Berryman, marketing and public relations specialist, noted that the gifts were kept until Christmas morning for the youth.

"These stockings and gifts will put a lot of smiles on the kids' faces on Christmas morning, we're sure of it," she said. "We really appreciate everything that the club does for the community and especially this very kind donation," Berryman said.

The Van Wert Community Club is very active. It is a non-profit service organization made up of volunteers who donate their time to support activities, fellowship, and good will in Van Wert and

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the surrounding area. Their mission is to benefit the citizens of Van Wert and those from surrounding areas by sponsoring various public work projects, organizing public events, making charitable donations and other activities that benefit the public. Further information about the Van Wert Community Club can be found at www.vwcclub.org.

Serving children and families since 1922, the Marsh Foundation is a not-for-profit children's services agency that provides behavioral treatment in a variety of settings. Services include group homes, treatment and family foster care, an intensive treatment program and independent living. Located in Van Wert, the organization's group homes are licensed for up to 30 children ages 7–17, offers an on-campus school for grades 2–12 and provides a variety of clinical services to group-home residents, foster children and community members.