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The Giving Tree

Following is an excerpt from The Journal-News, Litchfield, November 17, 2011:

Last Christmas, 11-year-old Hannah Niemann of Litchfield had the idea to decorate her Christmas tree with her doll clothes, outfits that were handmade by her great-aunt to fit her American Girl dolls. "It just ended up looking really cute," said her mom, Penny Niemann. After the holidays, Hannah decided she wanted to decorate a tree for the following year's Festival of Trees, to benefit a local organization that helps young girls and kids in need. She made a call to her great-aunt, Kathleen Vancauwelaert of Litchfield, who happily agreed to help. Originally, they thought the tree would have about ten handmade American Girl doll outfits, but she ended up creating 51. "I've been busy all spring," Vancauwelaert said with a smile. Hannah's grandma, Nancy Ramsey, even got in on the fun, and donated an American Girl doll to go with the tree.

The tree was on display at the Festival of Trees, held November 18-20 in Litchfield. Throughout the festival, those attending could place bids to purchase the tree. The winning bid for the American Girl Doll tree was a generous $525.00!

Dawn Bates Morris, EAS Program Coordinator, said the proceeds will be used to purchase diapers, wipes and other personal hygiene items to meet the everyday needs of their moms.

Hannah, Kathleen and Nancy accomplished two great things with their tree. They were able to make a sizeable donation to EAS that will benefit EAS families, and they demonstrated that anyone can make a difference in the world by using their unique talents and gifts. Thank you for your generosity!

The American Girl Doll Tree

Holidays Are Stressful

This time of year is particularly hard for the moms in our program. In addition to trying to meet the everyday needs of their families, they have the added pressure to provide Christmas for their children. To help our families, EAS coordinates with other agencies to make sure the women in our program can have food for their tables and gifts at Christmas for their children. EAS also helps the women earn points to get household items they can't get elsewhere.

Here are some things the program needs:

Diapers (larger sizes and pull-ups) and wipes

Personal care items (shampoo, soap, deodorant, baby wash)

Toilet tissue

Feminine hygiene products

Winter hats and gloves

When you donate items or give a monetary gift to EAS you're helping improve the lives of others less fortunate.

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HERE'S MY CONTRIBUTION:

The easiest way to give:

Go to our website, www.elizabethannsetonprogram.org and Click Here under **Donations for Us!** Donations are handled through GuideStar, a safe and secure way to give.

If you have items to donate:

Call 217 757-6025 first, and then bring your donations to the Elizabeth Ann Seton Office, 700 N. 7th Street, Suite B, Springfield IL 62702 or **107 West Ryder, Litchfield, IL 62056**

You can also mail your donation:

My contribution:

$1,000 _____ **$500** _____ **$100** _____ **$50** _____ **Other** _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Please send your gifts and donations to:
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Thank you!

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- Carol Jo Vecchie Gift Shop, Springfield
- Memorial Medical Center Gift Shop, Springfield
- Marian Center, Springfield
- Simply Me Purses & More, 607 N. State Stree, Litchfield

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