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**Corrected headline:**

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**ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM AT UM REACHES UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS**

**MISSOULA—**

Each year, the University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement partners with the Salvation Army's Adopt-a-Family program to help serve local families in need during the holiday season.

The Salvation Army documents the needs of the families and looks for community assistance to meet those needs. UM's OCE then matches those families with UM departments and community members willing to buy and donate the needed items.

OCE reports that this year the program met with unprecedented success. The office placed 40 families with UM and community sponsors, who donated everything from food and clothing to household items and children's holiday gifts.

OCE program manager Nick Roberts sends a heartfelt thank-you to the community for its generous contribution to this important program.

Roberts also noted that The Bookstore at UM hosted a free wrapping party for Adopt-a-Family donors.

To learn more about the program, call the Salvation Army at 549-0710.

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