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Day One offers families holiday cheer with its annual Giving Tree program

Gifts and cheer go a long way in bringing the holiday spirit to families whose lives have been impacted by sexual abuse



Providence, RI – December 19, 2013 – Day One saw its largest list to date this year of families in need for its annual Giving Tree program. The Giving Tree is a project where Day One employees, board members, area businesses, and members of the community adopt children and families who are connected to or are clients of Day One, and provide them with gifts for the holidays.

“It’s always so great to see how our employees and community partners step up to help these families,” says Peg Langhammer, Day One executive director. “The holidays are not always easy for people, especially for those who have experienced something so traumatic. We’re so thankful to everyone for helping to make this time a little easier for those in need.”

Often the adopted families are still dealing with the impact that sexual and/or physical abuse has had on their lives. Many families suffer from financial hardships as a result of abuse, whether they lose the family breadwinner, have to pay legal and moving expenses, or take time out of work. Providing gifts for the holidays is just a small way to help relieve some of the stress the holiday season brings in addition to what these families are already going through.

This year, Day One’s “elves” purchased gifts for 38 families – the most ever in the Giving Tree’s history. Many local businesses helped make the program a success, including Gilbane Building Company, Shawmut Construction, and Cross Fit Gym, as well as community groups like the Barrington Women’s Club and countless individuals.

About Day One

Established as the RI Rape Crisis Center in 1973, Day One is the only agency in Rhode Island organized specifically to deal with issues of sexual assault as a community concern. Day One's mission is to reduce the prevalence of sexual abuse and violence and to support and advocate for those affected by it. For more information, visit www.dayoneri.org.

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