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YMCA Van Buren Center
595 Van Buren Drive
Columbus, OH 43223

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Dear The Real Deal Santa,

The holiday season at the YMCA Van Buren Center would not be the same without supporters like you. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity, heart, and dedication you bring to the families we serve.

Your donation to this year's Santa's Workshop helped transform our space into a place of excitement, dignity, and hope. In 2025, Santa's Workshop supported 82 families and 187 children. Parents were invited to personally select and wrap gifts for their children, choosing 4 new toys, a board game, a coloring book and crayons, a stuffed animal, unlimited books, winter accessories, and a stocking filled with small surprises. Because of you, families were able to create joyful holiday memories together.

For many of the children in our shelter, this experience represents more than gifts; it represents being seen, cared for, and celebrated. Your compassion made that possible.

We are deeply thankful for your partnership and the kindness you continue to show our community. Your support brings light to families during a season that can often feel overwhelming.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Carolyn Slebodnik

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