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WCBDD hosts holiday “drive-thru” for enrolled children and their families

(Lebanon, OH) -- The Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities (WCBDD) Early Childhood Division recently held their first holiday “drive-thru”, as a way to safely connect with enrolled children and their families. The drive-thru entitled: *Gingerbread Friends Village*, took place at the entrance of the Milo H. Banta Center, and invited families of children birth to age six to visit with WCBDD staff while remaining in their vehicles.

The event boasted approximately 52 families in attendance, which included a total of 121 children. In an effort to practice safety and efficiency, all families were asked to reserve a time for their drive-thru visit. Attendees had the opportunity to visit with the familiar faces of the WCBDD Early Childhood team, as well as receive a complimentary book for their family. In addition, all children in attendance went home with a goody bag complete with delicious treats, fun activities, and their very own soft stuffed animal friend. Each stuffed animal friend was generously donated by the Milford PETSMAST.

The *Gingerbread Friends Village* drive-thru received favorable feedback from the families in attendance, including one family who referred to the event as a “treat”, and another expressing, “Our kids have not put the stuffed animals down!”

The Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities provides services and support to almost 2,000 individuals with disabilities and their families, through Early Intervention, Community Resources, Employment Services, Social, Recreational, Residential, Service Coordination, and other programs.