Dear Mr. Baker (The Telegraph),

We have all heard the saying "giving is better than receiving." This is exactly the case for Alton, where everyone bands together to help the less fortunate during the holiday season.

Community Christmas is a donation drive to help those in need in the Riverbend community during the holiday season. More than 100 boxes are placed in businesses for donation drop-off until Dec 13. Donations that are excepted include non-perishable food, new clothes for all ages, new gloves, hats and scarves, blankets, baby care items, and new toys.

All donations received will go to 14 local agencies to help those in need. For more information, visit http://www.unitedwaystlcares.org/holidayvolunteeringguide. I will be contacting you in a few days to see what you think, if you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

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