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Dear Friends and Family,

This year the Berkeley Methodist United Church youth are collecting donations in order to purchase gift cards for San Francisco foster youth as Christmas presents. Our goal is to raise \$750 in order to help out 30 foster teens who might not receive anything other than our gifts. In 2015, our first attempt at this project, we reached our goal by sending gift cards to 25 foster teens, and this year we are trying to reach out to more. We are not asking for any specific amount, but please know that any contribution will help.

When we think of Christmas, we think of waking up and following the scent of pine to the brightly lit tree with presents waiting to be opened. Not only are there gifts, we also celebrate with our families through laughter, games, songs and food. Christmas should be a day everyone can enjoy and look forward to. Foster teens may not get to experience the joy and excitement of Christmas which is why the least we can do for them is show them we care by sending gifts to as many foster youths as possible. In this case we will be giving them Target gift cards.

Not only is this an opportunity for the BMU youth, this is also an opportunity for you, your family and friends to make a difference in a foster teen's Christmas and make it one they will always remember and cherish. Spreading God's love through these gift cards is a way we hope to serve as an example of Christians acting out our faith in a real and meaningful way. Please help us reach our goal by participating to the extent you can and by forwarding this letter to at least three friends or family members who might be willing to help us ensure the success of this project. Wouldn't it be truly inspiring to be part of a project where many give a little in order to have a huge impact on so many deserving foster youth?

In addition, your contributions are tax deductible and we appreciate any amount that you are willing to contribute. Please send contributions to:

Berkeley Methodist United Church,
1710 Carleton Street,
Berkeley, CA 94703.

Please make checks out to **Berkeley Methodist United Church**, with "Youth Fund" on the memo line. We would like to have your contribution by December 11th so that the gift cards can be purchased and distributed in a timely manner.

Tax I.D. number: 94-123-6953

Wishing a joyous holiday season to all,
The BMUC Youth

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