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### **Kathy Ireland Gives a Gift the Keeps on Giving**

On Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, a truck delivered 20,000 pounds of food to the Newton National Guard Armory to benefit Catawba County Foster Families. The delivery was a Christmas gift from Kathy Ireland to John and Marilyn Moretz. Mr. and Mrs. Moretz indicate that when deciding what to send each other several years ago for Christmas, Mrs. Moretz and Mrs. Ireland decided to donate a gift to a worthy cause of the other's choice.



The Moretzs' chose Catawba County's foster families and children. Consequently, Ms. Ireland arranged for a tractor-trailer load of food to be sent to Catawba County. This marks the 11th year this gift has been provided by Ms. Ireland.

Involved in the delivery was Family Builders of Catawba Valley, the foster and adoptions division of Catawba County Social Services. Family Builders mission is to ensure safe, permanent, nurturing families for children.

Family Builders Supervisor, Sybil Good, stated, "Foster parents are volunteers who share their life and home with children who cannot be with their birth parents. This gift from Kathy Ireland and the Moretzes shows their recognition of the needs of children and of the service Foster parents provide for the community."

The food was delivered by Feed the Children, an international nonprofit organization providing food, clothing, medical equipment and other necessities to people who lack these essentials because of famine, drought, flood, war, or other calamities such as Hurricane Katrina. Some of the Charlotte Panthers' Topcats were on hand to sign autographs for the families and volunteers.

For more information about providing a loving home through foster or adoptive placement, contact Family Builders at (828) 465-8901.