

Happy Holidays - and here is our shortest newsletter of the year!



# COMMUNITY LODGINGS

*Opening Doors to Independence*

## 'Twas the Night before Christmas..."



We are in full-on holiday mode as we geared up for our kids' Holiday Party on December 10,



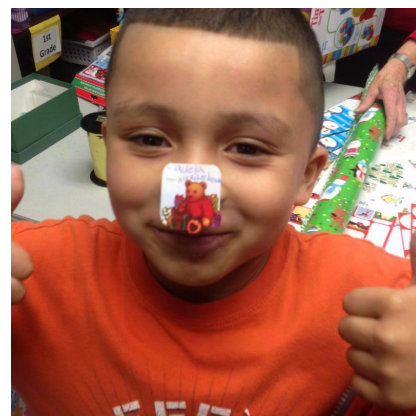
wrapped gifts as the kids "shopped" at our Holiday Store (on December 13-14) and get ready for gift distribution to our program parents (December 20).



## Top 10 Ways to Give this Year

Only the best stories get to be in our newsletter twice in a row! And this is one of our faves ... cute, timely, and oh, so necessary! As we prepare to wrap up 2016 we hope you will [think kindly of us](#) when you read our [Top 10 Ways to Give this Year](#) "!

**Ho! Ho! Ho!**



## Meet our Staff - Ten Things to Know about Cristina O'Brien



Our Cristina-envy shot way up when we found out where she lived for six months (and you are not living there now because...why?) Cristina started out with us as an AmeriCorps service member then we liked her so much we asked her to stay. Thankfully she liked us enough to say "yes."

Want to know more about our New Brookside youth education program coordinator? [Find out here!](#)

## Our Holiday Wish

We hope your holiday is filled with joy and love and your most-wanted gifts. And we would love it if you added "helping Alexandria's low-income families" to your Santa list. Thank you for your gift!



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**Happy Holidays**  
to you and  
your loved ones!



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