

## "Thank You For Caring"

Because you cared in 2010, not only did each child in an orphanage/safe house/ school in Poland receive new, warm clothing and toys at Christmas, but also 60 special needs children living in a nursing home in Brzozow, Poland are now living in a clean and colorful environment. Sister Agata Sieczkowska, supervisor of the nursing home, writes that the 64 children who reside there permanently are disabled mentally, physically or emotionally. Most have no contact with their families, and about half are confined to bed and are in need of unlimited round-the-clock care.

Sister Agata, wants to share this poem (roughly translated) to all who care about these special children...

*"Take my hand, and wait awhile.*

*Look at me.*

*Not at my features,*

*but at my heart, which will melt with yours.*

*I am love.*

*You can give me love, and I will love you.*

*And together we will love God.*

*And with this love, will live goodness in our lives."*



Recovering after his orthopedic surgery.

I write to you today, to say a heartfelt "THANK YOU" on behalf of all the children who have been touched by your generosity. And I ask you again to open up your heart in the charitable spirit of the Holiday season by making a gift in any amount.

"This is the time of year", as Charles Dickens wrote in *A Christmas Carol* - "when want is most keenly felt". (Do you remember when Marley's ghost, carrying all those chains he forged during his life, appeared to Ebenezer Scrooge? Marley told Scrooge that "This is the time of year that I suffer the most". Ebenezer tells Marley that he was a good businessman. Marley replied, "Business? Mankind was my business! Their common welfare was my business!")

As you prepare to rejoice and give thanks for the blessings of home and family in the festive weeks ahead, please remember these less fortunate children and the Sisters

who care for them. We need your support to continue this humanitarian effort.

From all of us, I send you warmest wishes for peace, happiness, and comfort during the upcoming holiday season, and sincere thanks for your support. On behalf of the children in Poland I would like to thank you for your generosity!

And in the words of ~ Tiny Tim, "God bless us, everyone!"

## "Spirit of St. Nicholas" CHRISTMAS 2010 Dziękuję Bardzo!

### "GOD BLESS OUR BENEFACTORS AND ALL WHO REMEMBER US!"

Dear Ms. Krystyna and all our benefactors,

On behalf of myself, all the nuns working in our center, and on behalf of all our girls, we want to thank you all for the kindness, for your huge heart which is always ready to serve and give goodness and help to people. Once again, you all have given us great and wonderful gifts. This year our girls chose winter jackets. Some of them have outgrown their clothes from last year. Some said that they will wear them to school and for play, and the new ones only to church. Thank you also for sending us a package of toys and bracelets in different shapes. You can see their joy on photos we send. Once again, we thank you and send best regards. May God give you all his blessings!

~ Sisters and girls from the Center in Jaroslaw





# Some of the Special Needs Children your donations have helped

Dear Supporters and Friends,

The Polish Heritage Festival Inc. (located in Springville, N.Y.) will continue to underwrite the administrative costs of the special fundraisers to benefit the "Special Children with Special Needs" in Brzozow, and also the "Spirit of St. Nicholas" which provides new warm clothing to the children in Jaroslaw.

May we please count on you again? 100% of your donation will go to your designated humanitarian effort. Since the Polish Heritage Festival is a 501c(3) charitable organization, your donation is tax deductible.

Please make your check payable to: **The Polish Heritage Festival, attention: Christine Jozwiak, P.O. Box 115, Springville, N.Y. 14141-0115.** On the "memo" line of the check write, "Special Children with Special Needs", and/or "Spirit of St. Nicholas".

*On behalf of the children,  
thank you for your continued support!*

*Christine Jozwiak*