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ACM FINANCIAL AID OFFICE ADDRESSES NEEDS OF FOSTER CHILDREN



Allegheny College of Maryland's Student Financial Aid Office spearheaded an effort to brighten the holidays for local youngsters in foster care. The office invited members of the college community to donate articles of clothing, personal care items and toys and games for children in the county's foster care system. Donations to Financial Aid's fifth annual "Giving Tree" campaign filled 30 backpacks for children served by CASA of Allegheny County. The college-wide effort also provided cash contributions and gift cards to assist local foster families. From left to right are Amy Price, CASA volunteer coordinator Chrissy Holler, Carrie Ford, Karen Brady, Louise Stein, Melissa Seib, Deborah Yonker and CASA executive director Misty Raines. CASA, which stands for court-appointed special advocate, trains and supports community volunteers to speak up for abused and neglected children in court. Currently, there are more than 140 children involved in the foster care system in Allegheny County.