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## **“Beary” Special Gifts Arrive at Windfall School**

**Medina, Ohio, December 17, 2018** – Students at the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities’ (MCBDD) Windfall School have some new furry friends, thanks to Medina County Probate Judge Kevin Dunn and his staff. On Thursday, December 13, Judge Dunn along with several Probate and Juvenile Court employees handed out Build-A-Bear teddy bears to students at Windfall School.

These “beary” thoughtful gifts were provided through a Probate Court project that helps local youth fulfill their court-ordered community service time while showing them how they can have a positive impact on their community. The program, started in 2007, is funded in part through community donations and this year provided over 40 bears to preschool and elementary school aged children who attend Windfall School. The bears arrived from the Strongsville Build-A-Bear store last month for a special assembly night. They were already filled with fluff, but needed to have their trademark hearts added and be dressed in sports, princess and movie-themed outfits. Volunteers and participants then packed each bear and prepared them to be delivered into the arms of a special child.

“It’s so fantastic to see our students’ faces light up and we thank Judge Dunn and the court staff and volunteers for making this generous event possible each year,” said Dr. Kaye Stanley-Bryson, Director of Children’s Services for MCBDD.

Judge Dunn and his staff visited several classrooms during his visit to help students remove their new bear friends from their carrying bags and boxes. Each bear was dressed in its own unique outfit, complete with shoes and accessories.

“The kids here are just fantastic. For me and my staff, this is one of our favorite days of the year,” said Judge Dunn.

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### **About MCBDD**

MCBDD is the lifeline which connects individuals to the resources in the county, everything from residential services and employment, to funding sources and therapy services. The mission of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to promote and empower over 1250 individuals with developmental disabilities, from birth to death, to live, learn, work and socialize as citizens in the community.