

## Year-end Giving Updates

2009 ended with numerous acts of kindness and generosity.

Our Christmas store is closed now, but it was a busy place during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. In our Christmas store—the likes of which you won't find at the mall—everything is FREE! The **gift room** was stocked with new items including toys, games, bath products, and jewelry for clients and their children to shop at after their counseling appointments. Approximately 60 donors brought in thousands of dollars worth of gifts—our thanks go out to the donors who showed clients the kindness of strangers!

The staff at Fargo's **Barnes & Noble Booksellers** have a soft spot in their hearts for the people receiving help at our Center. Leading up to Christmas, their staff and customers purchase, wrap, and deliver books to our child clients. There's nothing like a good book...ask any of our 70 child clients who received one!

When we mention books, we have to thank the patrons at the **Moorhead Public Library** for the mittens, gloves, caps, and scarves donated on the 2009 Mitten Tree. This tradition is especially wonderful in our cold climate. Our thanks to everyone who visited the Library to hang a gift item on this special tree.

Finally, our thanks go out to everyone who contributed to our **year-end fund drive**. 2009 was a year of many uncertainties, but the response to our year-end mailing made it certain that you appreciate the work being done at the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center. We ended the year with a 28% increase in monetary donations compared to 2008. In addition, our in-kind donations were up 32% and the number of donors was up 71% for the year.

We've made it our resolution for this new year to retain the trust you've shown in our Center; over the next twelve months we'll share more success stories and invite you to join us in our work to end personal violence.