Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Lutheran Services Carolinas, all our team and clients would like to express our deepest gratitude to Pastor Paul Carlson and Calvary Lutheran Church for their exceptional support in bringing smiles to these young faces through our Holiday Wishlist initiative. Your collaboration has been instrumental in fulfilling dreams of our refugee children and creating magical moments for these families.

Here are a few heartwarming testimonials from the parents:

**Anastasiia:** "We are so grateful to all the sponsors and volunteers. Our kids truly had a magical evening. They played with their gifts way past their bedtime and hardly put them to sleep. They were so excited and happy."

**Tatiana:** "Thank you to all the sponsors and organizers. Our kids were so happy! They played all evening with their LEGOS. Our youngest is going through speech therapy now, and when he saw his present, he got so emotional that he started to say new words that we have not heard before. It was a gift to us as well."

Michail: "Thank you for our quiet home. Son is busy, parents are happy!"

Alina: "One of our sons dreamed about LEGO Minecraft. We couldn't afford it yet. He was so happy to get it for Christmas; he assembled it within 2 hours, and his eyes are shining with happiness and accomplishment. Our second son wanted a watch. He has been wearing his new watch all the time now! They both are so happy."

Your contributions have not only brought joy but have also created meaningful moments that will be cherished by these families for a lifetime. Together, we've made a difference, and we couldn't be more grateful for your support.

Thank you!!!!

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