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**CORNING INC. DONATES GIFTS TO LOCAL YOUTH**

CORNING, NY – December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Members of Corning Inc.’s Talent Management department stopped by the Corning Area Youth Center to spread some holiday cheer and donate much needed supplies to the program and its youth. Initiated three years ago by Corning’s Director of Talent Management Eric Elder and Family Service Society’s Michele Mayer, the annual donations by Corning’s Talent Management have been a blessing to the Corning Area Youth Center and the local youth that they serve.

Members of the Talent Management Team including HR Coordinator Diane Card, as well as Eric Elder, Carol Stone, Kelly Conklin, and Rita Pope amongst others brought in multiple totes full of program supplies for Youth Center staff and the youth. Some of the donated items included cleaning supplies, art supplies, cooking supplies, tie-dye kits, movies, video games, and much more. Every year around the holidays, the Talent Management team requests a wish list from the Youth Center, and every year they purchase items from the list and then personally deliver them to the staff and youth at the Corning Area Youth Center.

The Youth Center staff were very grateful for the donations, and the youth couldn’t wait to use their new supplies. HR Coordinator for Corning Inc. Diane Card was very pleased to be able to do so much for the Corning Area Youth Center and explained, “This is our way of giving back to the Youth Center because of the services they provide to the area’s youth. We believe it’s important to provide support for local programs like this because our kids are, after all, our future.”



The Corning Area Youth Center is a program of Family Service Society, Inc. For more information, please contact Program Coordinator Emily Roe at 607-936-4116.