

By: Lester
grade 5

Community Lodgings has helped me for many years. Now I know a lot of English and more things. The best part is in Christmas. I get to make a list of things and some times I get what I wanted. I also can give presents to my family thanks to Community Lodgings. Last year I gave my sister a dress that she loved. I gave my mom a necklace that was beautiful. She loved the present. I gave my dad a jacket. He liked his present. One of my favorite things was when I first had my first Community Lodgings Christmas. I felt excited and happy. I have lots of good memories about that day. Another good memory is when I saw all the presents for kids. I was so surprised by it. When I leave Community Lodgings I will always remember it.

grade 4

Give Back to Community lodgings

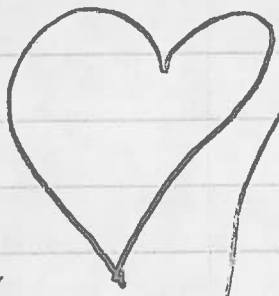
Community Lodgings has done so many nice things for 10 wonderful years. They have been providing Education, food and most importantly, Kindness. They make Christmas shops, winter coats, Christmas parties and Christmas presents. Inside my heart that doesn't matter to me because there is nothing in this world that would not make them the most gifted people in the world. Other people just care about gift, parties, presents and coats, but I care about them, not what they give to us. They are nice to us and our parents. They take as much time as we need with us and middle schoolers, too. They provide a meal instead of just of a snack and fruit. They are very important to the world. I wish there were more people like them in the world. I know inside that there angels of the beautiful world.



Allison J.V
grade 3

community Lodging means
Love to me because during
the holiday there are lots of
things they do like: sifer shopping
Christmas, the Christmas party,
and the coats. I like the Christmas
party because I get to do so
many activites. I also like the
coats too because they keep
me warm. I also like the
Christmas shopping because I
can get things for my family.
That is why I Love community
Lodging's.

I Love
Community
Lodging's



How Community lodgings is special to me

By: Josue Martinez

grade 7

Community Lodgings is a place I feel safe and that nothing can hurt me. Community lodgings is really helpful they help me on my homework and study for tests, thanks to Community lodgings I get good grades. Community lodgings gave me a cool red jacket it keeps me warm and cozy it also protects me from the rain.

Community lodgings gives me wonderful gifts every year which I really exited from. There is also the Christmas workshop, every year my sister and me get my family wonderful gifts every year. At the end of the workshop we can wrap up our gifts to keep it a secret from my family.

At the end of program we do a lot of fun stuff. We have a pizza party and watch a movie. But I hate it when Community lodgings is over it is so much fun. But sadly Community lodgings has to end. But program doesn't end here I go to summer program it is so much fun. We do art projects, sports, and the best part go to FIELD TRIP! We go on field trips every Friday. We go on different field trips every Friday we go bowling, hiking, and even go ziplining. I love summer program.

So I say it again I love Community lodgings, Community lodgings is loving, safe, and super awesome that what Community lodgings means to me.

Kevin Rosales
Grade 9

It's the most wonderful time of the year, when everyone in community lodgings can't wait to go to shop and get their presents. You said it the Christmas time of community lodgings, when the door really feel open to anyone.

First things first and that is obviously presents. We get what we want as a part of this program so that's good. They ask you what you want and a couple months later you get, but here's the thing, this doesn't just feel like any old gift, there's something special about like the people who got these presents injected love into them. That's why I've always loved getting presents from Community Lodgings, because it always makes it feel special.

Second thing about this time of the year here is of course the one of a kind Christmas Shop everyone gets to work to get everyone in their families something amazing. I mean you could actually call this Santa's Workshop because of how much work everyone puts forth into showing affection for someone else. This is where the true spirit of Christmas comes out: Giving. This is truly something special because it's only certain people who are dedicated to giving and that's Community Lodgings!

I'm concluding this by saying that I've always enjoyed, no, I've always loved the Christmas time of Community Lodgings. This is what the Christmas time of Community Lodgings means to me.

Mirella Fuentes 12/7/16 5 grade

Community Lodgings does a lot for the holidays. * One thing that they do is the christmas party. * I really like the christmas party because of all the fun activities they have. * Another thing they do is the christmas store. * I like the christmas store because I like giving gifts to the people that love. *
One more thing that they do is give out presents to us. * I like that because I like waking up early in the morning to open them. *

Thank you!

Community Lodgings
for everything
you do for
us!

By = Liliana Hernandez
grade 4

Community Lodgings means alot to me because they give me jackets. I really enjoy Community Lodgings. The jackets that they give us (students) are really useful because some of our parents don't have alot of money left so it helps save money, saves the kids from getting cold or wet and saves us time since we don't have to go shopping.

Community Lodgings means alot to me because they give us free food and christmas presents. The food they give us is helpful because we don't have to waste money on food or presents. We don't have to go to the grocery store, We don't have to get christmas presents. We can get christmas presents for the family.

Community Lodgings means

Community Lodgings During the Holidays: *A Holiday Present*

By: Nelsa Tiemtore
Grade 7

My greatest holiday present this year is Community Lodgings. The amount of joy I have received due to Community Lodgings' earnest and kind gifts will always be in my heart. This holiday season I have experienced the care of Community Lodgings and I understand it's importance in my life and the lives of my family members. Community Lodgings has showed me the true meaning of Christmas in a new light. Joy, peace, and family make the holidays worth celebrating, but this holiday I also want to celebrate Community Lodgings.

In October 2016, Community Lodgings gave me a huge opportunity to speak at their 2nd Annual Open Doors To Independence Breakfast. I am thankful for the chance I was given to be a voice for my community and to tell others about Community Lodgings, its programs, and how it's been a blessing for me. Speaking at Community Lodgings' Breakfast led me to even greater contingencies. It was truly an endowment and an honor to be there.

Identical, to my invitation to the Community Lodgings breakfast, I received another gratuity from Community Lodgings. I redeemed passes to the African American History Museum from Community Lodgings. Tickets to this museum are indurate to get and are very costly. I was touched that Community Lodgings had thought of me and my family. It meant a lot to us because I wanted to learn more about my culture and history. Another gift that has proven to be the very instrumental is an elegant mahogany parka. I love it's plush feel and fur hood. It is fashionable, warm and snug at the same time. Community Lodgings also gave us a Thanksgiving basket. This Thanksgiving was delectable and I don't think it would've been that prodigious if it hadn't been for the turkey from Community Lodgings. Who can have Thanksgiving without a turkey?

One of my revered gratuities from Community Lodgings are tickets to see the Nutcracker. This year was the first time I'd ever seen a live ballet or the Nutcracker. I relished watching the majestic movements of each dancer as they aesthetically danced out a beautiful story. My favorite part of the Nutcracker was the Cherry Blossom scene, it was in the most enduring act and the most beauteous one too. The preeminent part of the Cherry Blossom scene was when the clowns were dancing. Their vibrant clothing and droll faces made you feel the elation and mischief in the air. I also enjoyed the

Snow Scene. It was an ornate duo with the Snow King and Queen. I'm gratified that Community Lodgings gave me a chance to experience this traditional holiday performance. I will never forget it.

Another gratuity from Community Lodgings is its Christmas store, it's the gift that keeps on giving. Getting presents for my family can be hard because they are overpriced. I like being able to get bargain presents for my family at the holiday store. I am grateful that there are a lot of varieties in the store for different age groups. This makes it effortless to find gifts for toddlers like my brother and lavish items for my mother. Last year was my first time at the holiday store and I had a lot of fun shopping there. I was impressed by the quality and style of the gifts, especially the one I got for my mom. I was able to award my mom with a gold necklace with a gold star pendant. My mother loved it and my brother couldn't have been merrier with his new toys. He still plays with his hotwheels cars to this day.

My favorite gratuity from Community Lodgings is my bicycle. I've been eager to learn how to ride a bicycle for a while, but I had never had my own bicycle. I acknowledge Community Lodgings for selecting me to win a bicycle. Thanks to them, I have taught myself how to ride a bicycle. I ride my bicycle most weekends.

In addition, I appreciate everything that Community Lodgings has done for me. I'm glad that I'm in the girl's mentoring group and the after school program. I enjoyed the girl's mentoring Thanksgiving Dinner, bake sales, Christmas tree decorating, zip-lining and other activities. I love that the after school program volunteers help me with my homework, projects, and studying. They've helped make my middle school years a huge success. I will also always cherish the memories I made in the Community Lodgings summer program. Thank you, Community Lodgings for giving me the best holiday season ever!

Sara L

During the holidays, Community Lodgings means a lot to me and my family. I've been in Community Lodgings for years now and it's nice being part of a program that helps me out so much. Community Lodgings means a lot to me during the holidays because we receive gifts, I get the chance to get presents for my family, and because of the activities we have. Before joining Community Lodgings, my family and I wouldn't really exchange gifts. Thanks to Community Lodgings, we have gifts to open on Christmas day. I personally don't work or earn money in any way, so when Christmas comes around, I tend to have no money for gifts. Every year I get the chance to "buy" things for my parents and two brothers at the Community Lodgings Christmas store. Not only is it fun searching for things to get them at the Christmas store, but it also gives me a good feeling when I get home with all the wrapped gifts for them. Community Lodgings doesn't only mean a lot to me during the holidays because of the gifts, it also means a lot to me because of the activities. I'm in the Girl's Mentoring Group at Community Lodgings and during the holidays we do a variety of things. In the past, we've made Christmas cards for children at hospitals and people in elderly homes who may not have a family to wish them a happy holiday. We've watched Christmas movies together and we've even decorated mini Christmas trees to take home. Last year, we had a Christmas party at one of the mentor's house, and it was lots of fun. We made gingerbread houses, played games, won prizes, decorated different things, and ate a lot. The activities were super fun and I really enjoy them. To me Community Lodgings around the holidays means having people to share and create memories with.