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Dear Friends of Gently Hugged,

Blessings to you and your families this holiday season. Once again we thank you for your continued support of our mission to help clothe needy babies in San Diego County. Your kindness and compassion are shown with your charitable financial gifts and volunteer efforts. In addition, you gratefully fill a vital role with your donations of precious gently used baby items to be honored and given where they are needed the most.

Because of you, **775 vulnerable newborns** were provided essentials for the first year, a 14% increase from last year in the number of babies clothed.

Each package for a new infant is presented with respect and caring; all items are fresh and clean and include unblemished clothing, books for baby, and handmade cozy blankets, sweaters, bibs, and booties.

Gently Hugged maintains its all-volunteer status and operating costs are closely monitored. Our financial obligations cannot be met without you, and we ask that you please consider Gently Hugged in your year-end giving. You make the difference when you join with us in continuing to give hope to the less fortunate in our communities.

With deepest gratitude and best wishes for 2020,

Judy Blackford, President and CEO
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