



**Merry Christmas from all of us
Blue White Scholarship Foundation**



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**Blue White Scholar Mike Dominguez '24 ,
Applied Quantitative Finance Major
does his best to win the Ugly Sweater
Contest. Mike is in the middle row
second in from the left side.**

Holiday 2022



“While there is infection in disease and sorrow, there is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor”

A line from *A Christmas Carol*



**Executive Director
Kate Cellucci**

You may or may not know that all Blue White Scholars make a commitment to “Pay It Forward”, which means contributing back to the Foundation when you graduate so we can put money in the bank and continue to give out scholarships for the next group. But there’s another way to help

and that’s why the students give back 15 hours per semester to the Foundation. They help make phone calls, and participate in other fund-raising activities.

At this time of year they write a C.H.E.E.R. letter asking for you to contribute to the Foundation if you haven’t already done so AND telling you all about themselves in this letter. Six of our 10 graduating seniors are included in this Holiday Newsletter. The other 4 students will be featured in Email CHEER messages. You will see the Christmas C.H.E.E.R. messages sent by email and those featured in this issue have a common theme- Christmas is a season of giving. Few students talk about their favorite present that they received growing up unless it is a trip with the family. In fact the main theme revolves around the importance of spending time with their family. It appears to be the most important factor in their lives. Students incorporate family into the most E-Exciting Part of Christmas and R-Remarkable Childhood Memories. Because there would be no Christmas

without Jesus, and Christmas is the celebration of Christ’s birth and the beginning for all of us to be a part of God’s family, it seems that these students have the right idea. Respect and cherish your family and give of yourself for them. Let us all be glad to have each other and rejoice that we are part of another family called the Blue White Club who has done so much good for students over the past 50 years. I hope you enjoy these messages of good cheer and glad tidings!

You are in for a treat! There are 2 Word Searches in this issue, 1 page of corny Christmas Jokes, and 1 page of Christmas Trivia questions, plus a recipe for the Best Eggnog Ever!

PS- I have a favor to ask of all of you. My Father , John Cellucci is elderly. He is a Korean War Veteran and I take care of him. He is absolutely obsessed with the mail. If you have a moment, could you mail him and me a Christmas Card? The address is 211 Bair Road, Berwyn, PA 19312/ I am trying to receive 94 cards. Let me also take this time to tell you how much I enjoy and cherish your notes to me and comments. I have done everything I can think of to treat members of our Blue White Club like family. This is a very special organization and I do consider it an honor to run the scholarship program including the monthly activities and mentoring.

Coming soon— more on our Succession planning and we have launched our 2023 Gift Annuity program for you, and your spouse if interested. (610) 304-3848

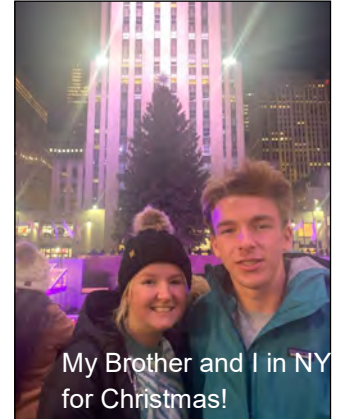
Now I’d like to wish you a very Merry Christmas, and May God Bless You and Your Family!

Kate

From my family to yours, I wanted to wish you a very Merry Christmas! My name is Kelly Keil, and I am a senior Nursing major and Global Health minor. I am so grateful to be a part of the Blue White Scholarship Foundation, and am sending you this letter of Christmas C.H.E.E.R.. During this season of giving, I hope that this letter will encourage you to continue to donate to the Blue White Scholarship and assist students like myself! Sending you loads of peace, love, and joy during this holiday season!

C – Christmas Tradition

Growing up, I was always the pickiest eater in the family. Despite my dad being a chef, I was so reluctant to try any of his amazing dishes. Each year, I would beg my parents to take me to Sheetz (the Midwest version of Wawa) after Christmas dinner. Now that I am older, my brother and I still go to Sheetz on Christmas eve to get milkshakes after dinner. It has become a staple to our Christmas eve, and is now a long-running joke in my family!



My Brother and I in NY for Christmas!

H – Hymn or Christmas Carol

My favorite Christmas song is Last Christmas by Wham! My friends and I love this song so much that we even created a dance routine to it when we were younger (which I still remember)! This song puts me in the Christmas spirit and immediately boosts my mood!

E – Exciting Part of Christmas

The most exciting part of Christmas is spending time with family. Christmas eve is spent with my mom's family. I have countless memories of Christmas trivia and playing White Elephant. I love getting to catch up with my cousins from New York City, Chicago, and even Florida! It's crazy to see how much my younger cousins grow each year! On Christmas, we spend the morning with my dad's family. I can never stop laughing when I am around my cousins! I am the only girl out of all the cousins, so I can definitely say I've learned my fair share about video games, nerf guns, and sports. Overall, getting to spend time with family reminds me of the importance of Christmas and being grateful for all the blessings I have in my life.

E – Entertaining Movie

The most entertaining Christmas movie is easily Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer from The Original Christmas Classics. Growing up, my family always watched ABC's 25 Days of Christmas Movies, but this movie always remained my favorite. I can remember curling up on the couch with my mom and watching Rudolph and Hermey. My favorite is the Island of Misfit Toys... My mom even got our family an ornament set from this movie!



R – Remarkable Childhood Memory

While I did not remember it at the time, my most remarkable childhood memory occurred when I was just three months old. My family has always gone to Tower City in Cleveland during the Christmas season. We love seeing the building decorated and enjoy watching a Christmas performance that is presented. Each year, there is a toy soldier that performs and leaves everyone in the crowd speechless. The highlight of his show is when he picks a baby from the crowd and dances with them. At my first Christmas, I was chosen by the toy soldier! My parents remind me of the story each Christmas, and it is clear that it means so much to them!

Christmas Trivia

Multiple Choice:

- 1. The song sung on News Year's Eve is called Auld Lang Sayne. When was it published?**
A.) 1700's B.) 1800's C.) 1900's
- 2. How many costumes are worn in the *Radio City Christmas Spectacular* show?**
Is it more than A.) 100 B.) 250 C.) 500 D.) 1,000 E.) 1,500
- 3. Dr. Seuss's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* debuted on CBS in what year?**
A.) 1962 B.) 1966 C.) 1969
- 4. What Christmas movie has appeared on TV more often than any other holiday movie?**
A.) *Elf* B.) *White Christmas* C.) *It's A Wonderful Life* D.) *Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer*
E.) *A Christmas Carol* F.) *Miracle of 34th Street*
- 5. In Finland, Santa is called ?**
A.) Kris Kringle B.) Joulupukki C.) St. Nicholas D.) Fin Lakka
- 6. In the 1969 cartoon, *Frosty the Snowman* has how many fingers on his hands?**
A.) 4 B.) 5 C.) 6
- 7. Peter Billingsley who starred as Ralphie in *A Christmas Story*, had a part in what movie?**
A.) *Elf* B.) *Bad Santa*, C.) *Home Alone* D.) *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*
- 8. Kissing under the mistletoe dates back to the 17th century. What country started this tradition?**
A.) Russia B.) Italy C.) France D.) England E.) Germany
- 9. If you counted all the gifts that were given to you in the 12 Days of Christmas, what would be the # of gifts ? _____**



True or False:

- 10. One of the first commercially sold artificial trees was made from toilet brushes.** (True or False)
- 11. A Charlie Brown Christmas has been televised every year since 1975.** (True or False)
- 12. Charles Dicken's 1843 story, *A Christmas Carol* has been filmed over 200 times.** (True or False)
- 13. Christmas trees are grown in the following states: Alaska, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, N. Dakota, S. Dakota, Nebraska, California, Colorado, Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, and Maine.** (True or False)
- 14. Boris Karloff's voice was mechanically altered to play the Grinch in the *Grinch that Stole Christmas*** (True or False)
- 15. In Greek culture, kissing under the mistletoe was interpreted as a promise to marry?** (True or False)



Hello! My name is Paul Gaynor, and I am a Blue White Scholar. I am a Senior Quantitative Finance major with a Mathematics minor. I am sending you this Christmas C.H.E.E.R. with the hope that if you haven't already done so, you may consider making a donation to the Blue White Scholarship Foundation during the holiday season. It is increasingly difficult for students to meet their financial obligations when tuition rates increase more than grants do. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

C - CHRISTMAS TRADITION

My favorite Christmas tradition is watching the Harry Potter movies. They typically have a marathon on TV around Christmas time, and all of the movies have Christmas scenes where the plot seems to pause and everyone celebrates the holiday. The movies also remind me of my childhood when I read all of the books multiple times.



H - HYMN OR CHRISTMAS CAROL

My favorite Christmas song is the Twelve Days of Christmas. There are many fun remixes of this song, and it is a true classic that mostly everyone knows. TRIVIA QUESTION How many gifts would you receive if you counted all of the 12 Days of Christmas gifts?



E - EXCITING PART OF CHRISTMAS

The most exciting part of Christmas for me is doing a Secret Santa gift exchange with my friends at home. We have made this a tradition over the past few years and it is very enjoyable. We often do a mixture of real gifts and funny gifts, and it is a great way of bringing together our friend group since we are all at different colleges/universities.

E - ENTERTAINING MOVIE

In my opinion, the most entertaining Christmas movie is Elf. I have seen this movie many times and it is definitely the funniest Christmas movie. It is also based in New York City, which I am not too far away from, living in New Jersey.

R - REMARKABLE CHILDHOOD MEMORY

A remarkable childhood Christmas memory of mine is playing Christmas trivia games with my family to earn prizes. We do not do this anymore, but we used to have a tradition of having a grab basket of presents that you could take from each time you got a trivia question correct. It was a good way of bringing the family together around this time.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

K F A M I L Y T R N K B J L H
Y M U T J C O R B S X G O J H
Y U P L R C A R O L S I Y I F
Y C M R R E Q N W E E V E N N
L H F E E P E H D N D I J G O
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BOW	FAMILY	NORTH POLE	SNOW
CANDY CANE	GIVING	PRESENTS	STAR
CAROLS	JINGLE	REINDEER	STOCKINGS
CHRISTMAS	JOY	SANTA	TREES
ELF	LIGHTS	SLEIGH	

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Dear Blue White family,

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and of the year. My name is Mary Kate Oldham, anova University who was lucky enough to this school year. In the hopes of spreading the Holiday spirit and encouraging your continued generosity, I hope you enjoy this C.H.E.E.R. letter.



Happy Holidays in this joyous season and I am a junior Nursing major at Vil- receive the Blue White Scholarship



C – CHRISTMAS TRADITION

My favorite Christmas tradition growing up was hosting all of our family at our house. All of my aunts, Uncles, and Cousins would come out to visit, and we hosted a massive dinner on Christmas Eve. As the youngest cousin, I loved getting to play with all of my older cousins.

H – HYMN OR CHRISTMAS CAROL



My favorite Christmas Carol is “Hot Chocolate” from the Polar Express. There’s nothing I love more than drinking some delicious Hot Cocoa on a snow day, and the song makes me think of sledding on snow days with my friends and family as a child.

E – EXCITING PART OF CHRISTMAS

For me, the most exciting part of Christmas is going home. I grew up in Lititz, Pennsylvania, which is a very small town, and it looks exactly like a hallmark movie around Christmas time. At the town tree lighting, the mayor gives a speech, the elementary school choir sings, and then we all eat Moravian Sugar Cake, which is a Pennsylvania Dutch specialty.



E – ENTERTAINING MOVIE

I think the most entertaining Christmas Movie is The Santa Claus, with Tim Allen. I remember watching it with my family each year on Christmas Eve, and I still think the movie is funny. It always helps me to believe in a little Christmas magic each year.

R – REMARKABLE CHILDHOOD MEMORY

My most remarkable childhood memory is decorating our Christmas tree each year. After we had finished putting the decorations up, my Dad always played a special version of Jingle Bells on the stereo as loud as he could, and then we all jumped up and down on the couches for the whole song. It was the only time we were allowed to jump on the couches and was always very exciting.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

K F A M I L Y T R N K B J L H
Y M U T J C O R B S X G O J H
Y U P L R C A R O L S I Y I F
Y C M R R E Q N W E E V E N N
L H F E E P E H D N D I J G O
S R B T D S C S S Y W N G L R
Y I Q M T Y E R C M C G S E T
U S T O C K I N G S J A E I H
U T L I G H T S T G S D N W P
L M F L I O V S M S N J S E O
K A V F X B I Z G I I G D T L
B S R E B Z S L E I G H X C E
F K Y O L Q H R N S N O W R U
X N L R J F Z C D N D E X X V
H S T A R W S A N T A T L V M

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Easy Christmas Word Search—Answers

Best Eggnog (Makes about 4 cups)

Ingredients:

6 large egg yolks

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1 cup heavy whipping cream

2 cups of milk

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Pinch of salt

1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

Ground cinnamon, for topping

Alcohol optional, see note*



Instructions:

Whisk the egg yolks and sugar together in a medium bowl until light and creamy. In a saucepan over medium heat, combine the cream, milk, nutmeg, and salt. Stir often until mixture reaches a bare simmer. Add a big spoonful of hot milk to the egg mixture, whisking vigorously. Repeat, adding a big spoonful at a time, to temper the eggs. Once most of the hot milk has been added to the eggs, pour the mixture back into the saucepan on the stove. Whisk continuously for just a few minutes, until the mixture is slightly thickened (or until it reaches 160 degrees on a thermometer.) It will thicken more as it cools. Remove from heat and stir in the vanilla-and alcohol, if using. Pour the eggnog through a fine mesh strainer into a pitcher or other and cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate until chilled. It will thicken as it cools. Serve with a sprinkle of cinnamon or nutmeg, and fresh whipped cream, if desired. Store homemade eggnog in the fridge for up to one week. Note:* If you add alcohol to your eggnog, start with 1/4 cup of bourbon, rum, or whiskey added at the same time as the vanilla, or after cooling the eggnog. Add more to taste.

Trivia Answers

1. A (Published 1796)
2. D (1,300+ costumes)
3. B
4. C
5. B
6. A
7. A
8. D
9. 364 gifts in total
10. True
11. False (it was shown since 1965)
12. True
13. False (X-Mas trees are grown in all 50 states including Hawaii)
14. True
15. True



Difficult Christmas Word Search

P	M	E	H	E	L	H	T	E	B	E	T	S	A	N	T
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14. Star
15. Jesus
16. Joseph
17. Shepherds
18. Bethlehem
19. Turkey
20. New Year



Blue and White Family,

My name is Gabe Leskusky, I'm a Blue White Scholar and a firefighter as I work my way through school. I want to wish you and your family a very happy, blessed, and cheerful Christmas. Christmas has always been one of my favorite holidays, surpassed only by Easter, and that is in no small part due to the feelings of warmth, cheer, and generosity which surround it. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, the greatest gift of all, we extend that joy of giving – we “Pay It Forward” – to others, and it is in this bountiful, good-natured giving which we find joy. I

hope that in this spirit of giving, you will continue to support the BWSF, which allows myself and other students to attend Villanova. I also hope that you enjoy this CHEER card! Merry Christmas and God bless!

C – Christmas Tradition

One of the more unique traditions which my family has is that of getting our Christmas tree on Christmas Eve and decorating it a few hours later. Quite honestly, I couldn't tell you why we do it this way, but it is one of my favorite traditions around Christmas.



H – Hymn or Carol

I'll be honest, it is extremely difficult for me to choose a single hymn/carol to declare as my favorite. I love a plethora of Christmas music, whether it be contemporary like Trans-Siberian Orchestra, medieval chant done by monks, or timeless classics like “Oh Holy Night,” or “The First Noel.” Since I have so much trouble picking a single favorite, I'll share with you one of my many favorites: “Night of Silence” by David Kantor. Not to be confused with “Silent Night,” “Night of Silence” is a beautifully somber yet hopeful hymn, and when sung chorally echoes the sounds of seraphim.

E – Exciting Part of Christmas

An exciting part of Christmas for me is the smattering of delicious foods and drinks which my family members make during Christmas. Whether it be making cookies with either of my parents, a gingerbread house with my grandmother, or hot cocoa with my siblings, I always know Christmas will bring delicious and filling treats!



E – Entertaining Movie

Christmas movies were always an integral part of holiday festivities in my house growing up, with the likes of Charlie Brown, Elf, Rudolph, Frosty, and so many others. My favorite has got to be Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town, especially the scene with the Wizard and Nicholas singing “One Foot in Front of the Other.”



R – Remarkable Childhood Memory

Christmas easily holds some of the fondest memories of mine, whether it be running downstairs to open presents on Christmas morning, going to midnight Mass with my family, or my middle school annual Christmas concert; out of all of these, one of my favorite memories has to be my dad and I seeing Trans-Siberian Orchestra live in concert. The combination of lights, music, and the wonderful narration makes for an unforgettable experience, and one which my father and I both look back on extremely fondly.

Christmas Jokes for Everyone

- 1. What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? Claus-trophobia!**
2. What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party? Freeze a jolly good fellow!
- 3. What do Santa's little helpers learn at school? The elf-abet!**
4. What kind of motorbike does Santa ride? A Holly Davidson!
- 5. What did the stamp say to the Christmas card? Stick with me & we'll go places!**
6. Why did no one bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay? Because they were two deer!
- 7. What do you call a bunch of chess players bragging about their games in a hotel lobby? Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer!**
8. What did the beaver say to the Christmas Tree? Nice gnawing you!
- 9. What does Miley Cyrus have at Christmas? Twerky!**
10. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? Frostbite!
- 11. How did Scrooge win the football game? The ghost of Christmas past.**
12. What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? Tinsilitis!
- 13. What do reindeer hang on their Christmas trees? Horn-aments!**
14. Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing? They always drop their needles!
- 15. What happened to the turkey at Christmas? It got gobbled!**
16. When is a boat just like snow? When it's adrift!
- 17. What do you call buying a piano for the holidays? Christmas Chopin!**
18. Who is Santa's favorite singer? Elf-is Presley!
- 19. Why couldn't the skeleton go to the Christmas Party? Because he had no body to go with!**
20. How does Darth Vader enjoy his Christmas Turkey? On the dark side!
21. **Who's Rudolph's favorite pop star? Beyon-sleigh!**
23. What do monkeys sing at Christmas? Jungle bells!
- 24. Who is a Christmas tree's favorite singer? Spruce Springsteen!**
25. What cars do elves drive? Toyotas!
- 26. What would you call an elf who just has won the lottery? Welfy!**
27. What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa? A rebel without a Claus!
28. **Why does Santa go down the chimney? Because it soot's him!**
29. What did Mrs. Claus say to Santa Claus when she looked up in the sky? Looks like rain, dear!
- 30. What do sheep say at Christmas? A Merry Christmas to Ewe!**
31. Why wouldn't the cat climb the Christmas tree? It was afraid of the bark.
- 32. How much did Santa pay for his sleigh? Nothing, because it was on the house**



Merry Christmas! My name is Matthew Hogan. I am a Senior at Villanova with a double major in Political Science & Humanities with prospective minors in Italian & French. Christmastime brings out the gift giving spirit in all of us as we celebrate the birth of Christ, who gave to us his life for our eternal salvation. I write to you this C.H.E.E.R. in the hopes that it ignites your warm and giving spirit during these cold and dark days. My fellow scholarship recipients and I would greatly appreciate it if you could gift to the Blue White Scholarship Foundation some fiscal support. I would like to give to you some of my fondest memories and favorite activities to do during the Christmas season.

C – CHRISTMAS TRADITION

For as long as I can remember my family comes to my house on Christmas Eve to get a taste of Christmas before it even starts. I remember gathering around the desktop computer with my cousins and watching the Santa tracker as he traversed the world. Each member of my family brings a lottery ticket with them to put in a small, metal Christmas tree. This tree stands in the middle of the dining table. Towards the end of the night, everyone slips a piece of paper with his or her name on it to be drawn. The winner of the draw gets to scratch off all the lottery tickets. With my luck, I have never won. However, I think that this will finally be my year (that's what I think every year)!



H – HYMN OR CHRISTMAS CAROL

I have to say that my favorite Christmas carol is the *Twelve Days of Christmas*. This song resonates with me so much because in my elementary school Spanish class the teacher taught us the Spanish version of this song. I remember how much it was stuck in my head. I have completely forgotten the lyrics now since so many years have passed, but at least the memory of the joy it brought me sticks around today

E – EXCITING PART OF CHRISTMAS

On Christmas, I always looked forward to going to my grandparents'. I enjoyed passing the holiday with them and reconnecting with all my cousins. It was just that fleeting part of adolescence where everyone has not yet diverged on their own path and reconvenes for the holiday. Sadly, two years ago, my grandfather and grandmother passed away. The tradition still continues at my uncle's house where I can reconnect still with my cousins still. I hope this continues so that I can remain tied to my extended family.



E – ENTERTAINING MOVIE

I have to say that my favorite Christmas movie is *It's a Wonderful Life*. I think that this movie perfectly encapsulates the Christmas spirit. In a modern world characterized by estrangement and frivolous materialism, it is relieving to watch the evolution of a man whose community never abandons him and whose business tactics seek to humanize, rather than exploit, his clientele. It is always a pleasure to watch this movie at the close of a Christmas day.

R – REMARKABLE CHILDHOOD MEMORY

A memory that characterizes Christmas time for me is carrying the family Christmas tree back to my house by walking through the park. My family buys the tree from the Catholic elementary school I attended across the block. Then my brother and I cut across the park and walk the tree into our living room. We get a little sappy, but the walk has always been fun





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Difficult Christmas Word Search Answers

1. Christmas
2. Stocking
3. Crackers
4. Christmas Tree
5. Nativity
6. Mary
7. Stable
8. Wise Men
9. Carols
10. Mince Pies
11. Presents
12. Father Christmas
13. Decorations
14. Star
15. Jesus
16. Joseph
17. Shepherds
18. Bethlehem
19. Turkey
20. New Year



Merry Christmas! I am Joseph DeMarco, a senior Computer Engineering major with minors in Computer Science and Cyber Security, and a Blue White Scholar. Christmas is my favorite holiday because I get to spend time with all of my family together. I hope to share some Christmas C.H.E.E.R. with you. I encourage you to continue your generosity to the Blue White Scholarship Foundation, and I want you to know that myself and all of the scholars are very grateful. Spoilers... my Remarkable Childhood Memory is about the impact of generosity and service to the needy.

C: Christmas Tradition

Every year on Christmas to start the morning, my siblings and I line up in age order on the steps to take pictures in our pajamas before any of us are allowed to go downstairs. We also have to wait until everyone wakes up, so as a kid, I would wake up early and wait in excitement. I try to enforce a personal rule that everyone has to come as they are. No one is allowed to shower or change, just come in your pajamas and be with the family. We have done this for as long as I remember even after half of us have been to or through college.



H: Hymn or Christmas Carol

One of my favorite Christmas songs is Night of Silence/Silent Night. When I was young it was sung every year before Christmas mass at my church. Now at Villanova, I have had the opportunity to sing this beautiful version of Silent Night in a full chorus in four part harmony with the Villanova Pastoral Musicians. <https://youtube.com/PMVgMmj2Sio>



E: Exciting Part of Christmas

Every year, after spending the morning with my immediate family, we all get ready to go to Christmas dinner with my extended family. Throughout the years the location has changed from my grandparent's house then between aunt's and uncle's houses, but we always have a large Italian Christmas feast with our aunts, uncles, grandparents, and all 20 grandchildren. Spending time with my family is my favorite thing about Christmas.



E: Entertaining Movie

Last year I heard about the debate about whether "Die Hard" is a Christmas movie or not, and after watching a few of the series during the Christmas season last year, I am on the side of Christmas movie. Although it is fairly silly to consider it a Christmas movie, it does take place during the Christmas season...

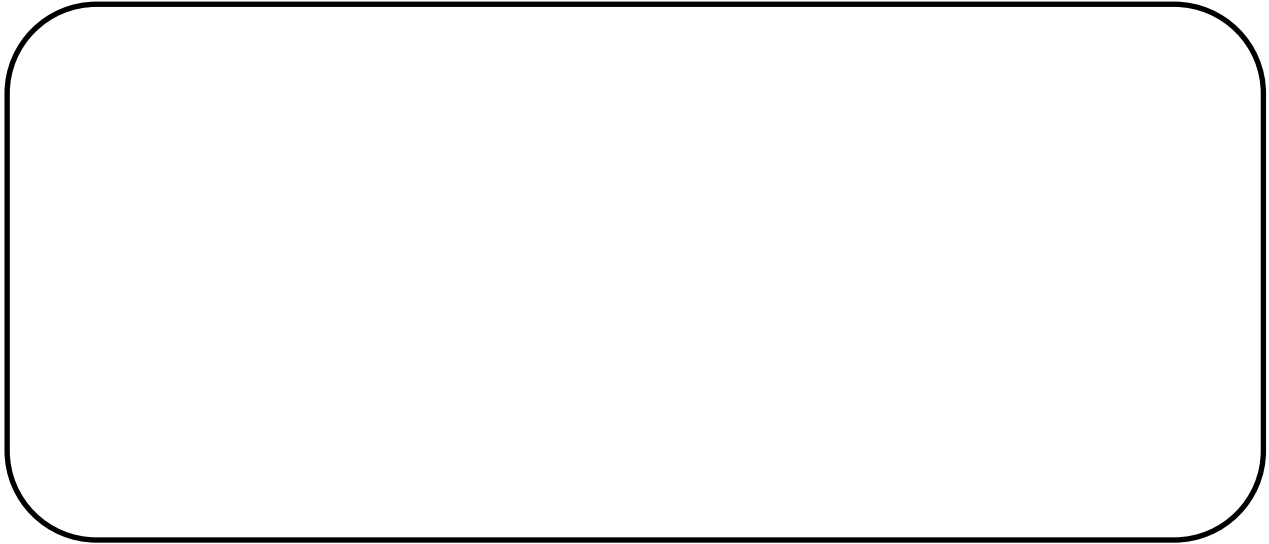
R: Remarkable Childhood Memory

When I was younger, my parish priest began to organize trips to another parish in a community that needed help. He enlisted students to help in the outreach program to distribute food and donations before Christmas. We helped organizing the food in preparation for opening, then we would pair up with those coming in and collect one of each item to give to them. The people who came varied: some old, some young, some disabled, some with kids. All were grateful for our kindness and the donations. Frequently, these vulnerable people were moved to tears. It was awesome to see the impact that generosity and kindness can have on a person.





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