

Adopt-A-Senior

SIBOR Adopt-A-Senior Elves will bring an abundance of good cheer this week to 650 people residing in senior centers throughout Staten Island. All week long the SIBOR Elves will fly from home to home to hand-deliver wish list gifts, and bring much needed cheer. Bags will be overflowing with games, books, puzzles, hand lotions, makeup, perfume, sweaters, scarves, hats, socks, gloves, pajamas, jogging outfits and much more...

The holidays are about spending time with family and friends, but many people - particularly seniors - don't always have visitors. The residents look forward to these Adopt-A-Senior opportunities to share their life stories with the 'Volunteer Elves' and feel comforted during the holiday season. Many of the volunteer elves have become extended family members.

Since 2000, over 8,500 gifts have been provided to senior center residents, ages 41 to 108! The Senior Centers that have been visited include: Eger Harbor House, Carmel Richmond, Golden Gate, Silver Lake, Verrazano, Seaview, Staten Island Care Center, Clove Lakes, ArchCare and The Esplanade.

The 19th annual Adopt-A-Senior initiative is made possible with the volunteer efforts and generosity of SIBOR Members and Affiliates, under the coordination of SIBOR staff Annmarie Izzo.

When their mission is accomplished, all the Elves will climb back into their holiday sleighs and head home, exclaiming "*Happy Holidays to all and to all a good night.*"

