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## **Lamoine Valley ABATE Donates \$10,000 to Project Santa**

**Macomb, Illinois, December 31, 2009–** During economically challenging times, A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education (ABATE) raised a remarkable \$10,000 for the WIRC-CAA's Project Santa Program. ABATE has supported the program for 25 years. "The continued support from ABATE has contributed greatly to the success of the Project Santa Program. The large amount of money they were able to raise only indicates its' members and the public's dedication to this program," said WIRC Executive Director Suzan Nash. Because of ABATE, the WIRC-CAA was able to provide a happier holiday to over 400 children this year. "The agency is very grateful for ABATE's efforts and its members' generosity in supporting this much needed program," said Nash.

ABATE (A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education) of Illinois, Inc. was organized for charitable, educational, civic, benevolent, social, and athletic purposes.

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Caption: Representatives from ABATE present a check for \$10,000 for the Project Santa Program. The funds were raised at a benefit for the program in late November. Pictured left to right are: Jeff Reidner from ABATE; Teresa Cadle, Project Santa Coordinator; Suzan Nash, WIRC Executive Director; and Ron Tutwiler from ABATE.