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Mill Neck Services' "Adopt a Family" Tradition: Giving and Receiving Joy

Mill Neck Services (MNS), part of the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, once again spread some seasonal joy with their latest "adopt a family" event. Recently, siblings Richard and Ria Kihm were the recipients of MNS' yearly generosity. The brother and sister, accompanied by their grandmother, Maureen Risi, gathered at the Mill Neck Services office where several staff members were on hand to present the family's gifts.

Richard, now 16, was once a preschool student at Mill Neck Manor Early Childhood Center. He's also attended Mill Neck's annual summer Sign Camp for Hearing Kids and his family has volunteered for Mill Neck's Fall Harvest Festival.

Donations from MNS employees, along with the generosity of two of the organization's service providers, Ricoh Corporation and Abbas Dastgir, an entrepreneur operating several AT&T stores, made this holiday tradition possible. After acknowledging the kindness of all involved, Loretta Murray, Executive Director of Mill Neck Services, touched upon the spirit of giving and receiving, when she told the Kihms, "Every year we adopt a family with joy, and this year, you bring us joy." Richard and Ria, in turn, thanked everyone by performing a stirring rendition of "Silent Night."

Established in 1986, Mill Neck Services has placed more than 1,000 Deaf, hard of hearing or otherwise disabled workers in over 400 businesses operating on Long Island. Mill Neck Services is part of the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, which also includes Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf and Mill Neck Manor Early Childhood Center. For more information on any of Mill Neck's programs and services, please call (516) 922-4100 or visit www.millneck.org.

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Photo Captions:

1. Siblings Ria and Richard Kihm, pictured with their grandmother Maureen Risi, were the recipients of Mill Neck Services recent “Adopt a Family.”
2. At their office recently, several staff members of Mill Neck Services, welcomed their “Adopt a Family,” Ria Kihm (front) and her brother Richard (2nd from right), along with their grandmother, Maureen Risi (3rd from right). The Mill Neck Services staff included (from left) Patricia Gormley, Mill Neck Services Executive Director Loretta Murray, Heidi O’Brien, Kelly Barbu and Mill Neck Services Associate Director Chris Oddo (at far right).

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