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Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday season and are ready to tackle the challenges that will no doubt come our way in 2020.

With the holidays and their central theme of philanthropy and kindness for others, I cannot help but give this first DA for 2020 to **Louise Auger**.

Though a tiny person physically, Louise has an awfully big heart. There are multiple instances of this, but the one I most want to highlight is her effort over the holidays to assemble a basket of gift cards from donors to enable three refugee families to secure food and clothing. These families were identified through her dedicated work in our Multiculturalism Program where she has provided care for many refugee families in dire straits for many years. Each holiday season Louise takes the time and effort to solicit funds on behalf of some of these families to enable the purchase of much needed food and clothing. Many of her donors are fellow Departmental members who both understand the gravity of the situation these families are facing and are particularly responsive to Louise's personal and persuasive "sales pitch".



We are all indeed fortunate and it's a mark of a just society that the fortunate give back and share some of their good fortune.

Please join me in thanking Louise for making the effort to tangibly and personally help those that are in need. It is a fine example that we should all take to heart.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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