



ROTARY CLUB OF SPACE CENTER

"Service Above Self"



3 WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS
GIFT OF BICYCLES 1996

A THANK-YOU TO SPACE CENTER ROTARIANS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS
WORTHY AND BLESSED CAUSE.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS WE HAVE SUPPORTED "3 WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS" BY
RAISING FUNDS TO PURCHASE BICYCLES FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE IN THE
PROTECTIVE SERVICE OF HARRIS COUNTY - NOT FOR ANYTHING THAT
THEY HAVE DONE, BUT FOR ABUSE AND NEGLECT DONE TO THEM BY PARENTS
AND/OR OTHERS.

IN 1994 SPACE CENTER ROTARIANS GAVE TWENTY-FIVE BICYCLES TO THIS
PROGRAM. MR. MIKE PIPKIN, MANAGER OF "TARGET", BAYBROOK MALL, HAS
ALWAYS GIVEN US A DISCOUNT PRICE FOR THESE BIKES. LAST YEAR WAS A
BONANZA - ALTHOUGH THE BIKES COST A LITTLE MORE WE WERE ABLE TO
PURCHASE 27 BIKES AND HELMETS.

CAN YOU IMAGINE THE SURPRISE AND JOY ON THE FACES OF THESE SMALL
CHILDREN ON CHRISTMAS MORNING WHEN THEY FIND A NEW BICYCLE WITH
THEIR NAME ON IT UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE .

THIS YEAR WE HOPE TO GIVE THIRTY (30) BICYCLES AND HELMETS TO THE
CHILDREN OF "3 WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS". AGAIN, THANKS TO THE
ROTARIANS WHO MADE THIS GIFT POSSIBLE.

AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO MR. PIPKIN AND "TARGET" FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

MAY YOU ALL HAVE A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victor Maria".

VICTOR MARIA
SPACE CENTER ROTARY
DECEMBER 15, 1996