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Dear Community Partners:

As we look back and reflect on 2013 we would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your support of First Things First during the past year. Whether it was through words of encouragement, support, partnerships, and/or volunteerism, your generosity is always much needed and greatly appreciated. Our activities are wide and varied and serve many young children, families and the professionals that work with them.

We have successfully implemented the following programs throughout the year:

- Home visitation programs to aid in healthy development of children birth through five;
- Quality care in childcare centers through a five star rating system;
- Scholarships for children birth through five to attend childcare;
- Scholarships for teachers that work with children birth through age five to improve children's learning experiences;
- Oral health education and awareness to children birth to five.

Throughout the past year, we have been engaged in enhancing and developing strategies to build the early childhood system within Cochise County. Our prioritized areas are:

- Enhance Early Literacy Opportunities for Children Birth to Age 8;
- Early Childhood Investments – providing opportunities to invest in early childhood programs;
- Health Connections – create a system for families on all agencies providing a health service;
- Access to Affordable High Quality Child Care;
- Home Visiting – connecting home visiting participants to high quality affordable child care.

The Cochise Regional Partnership invites you to attend our regular monthly meetings each third Thursday of the month and become more involved with the Regional Council as we continue the conversation on how to enhance the system for our youngest citizens. For more information please contact the Regional Office 3643B S. Hwy 92, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, phone number (520) 378-3280 or email mavant@azftf.gov.

The Cochise Regional Partnership Council wishes you a most joyous Holiday Season.

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