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Brighten the holidays for a local family in need by purchasing and donating a book or toy at Barnes & Noble in Blaine, 710 County Highway 10 NE. All donations are being distributed through agencies working with the Anoka County Children and Family Council (ACCFC), a collaborative effort of the county, community agencies, parent representatives, and seven school districts. Representatives of the Council met at the bookstore Nov. 21 for the first distribution of donations. Pictured from left to right are Cheryl Smoczyk, Forest Lake Schools; Lillian Levine, St Francis Schools; Toni Craft, ACCFC co-chair and Fridley Schools; Heidi Johnson, ACCFC coordinator; Karrie Schaaf, Anoka-Hennepin Schools; Anoka County Commissioner Dan Erhart, ACCFC co-chair; Casey Schleisman, Emma B. Howe YMCA; Dave Thacker, Centennial Schools; Michele Dooley and Elizabeth Willis, Barnes & Noble; Pete Yelle, Spring Lake Park Schools; and Ashli Teter, Barnes & Noble.

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Editor's note: Additional donation pick-up times at Barnes & Noble are scheduled in December. Media requests to participate are coordinated by Jill Brown, cell 612-889-2611 or email jill.brown@co.anoka.mn.us.