

### Dallas sophomores 'make a difference'

Members of the Dallas High School Sophomore Steering Committee are getting into the Christmas spirit in a very unique way. Approximately two dozen students, representing each sophomore homeroom, have initiated a social awareness project called "Kids Helping Kids."

Over a five-week period, the students are collecting such items as diapers, baby wipes, soap, laundry detergent, fresh fruits and vegetables, toothbrushes and many other items of personal hygiene and each week they are donating the collected goods to Réach, a non-profit community program located at 35 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. In many cases, Réach is the last resort for disadvantaged children and their families.

Many of the donated products are things that the families can't afford to buy because they are not covered by any assistance programs. The families and especially the kids, are struggling.

A Christmas party will be held at St. Stephen's Church, S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, on Friday, Dec. 19 at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served and there will be a visit from Santa Claus, who will distribute gifts.

The Dallas sophomores are putting a bit of "magic" into the lives of these families - they are choosing to make a difference.

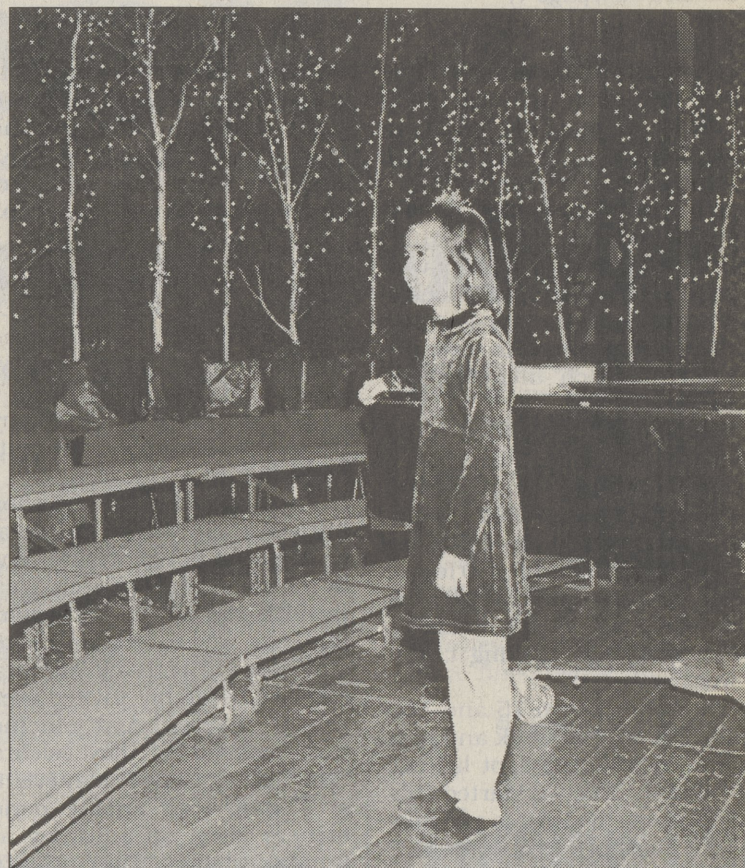
### Jaycees to bring Santa to homes

The Back Mountain Jaycees are sponsoring Santa visits to homes between 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Thurs., Fri., and Sat. before Christmas. Call 821-9275 for appointment. Parents to supply Santa with gifts.

# Sounds of the season

Dallas Elementary band and chorus presented the annual holiday concert last week to an audience of appreciative parents, staff and friends.

In top right photo, Kelly Murphy posed against the backdrop of brightly lit trees. Ashley Wolanski, lower right, warmed up her flute before the performance. Below, the chorus prepared for their big number.



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