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### **FAMILIES WORKING THEIR WAY OUT OF POVERTY RECEIVE A HELPING HAND**

Early Learning Coalition of Duval Partners with UPS to Give Christmas Presents to Local Families in Need

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 17, 2010** — In a time when jobs are scarce and budgets are tight, families in **1000 in 1000**, a family sustainability program, received a helping hand yesterday. **Early Learning Coalition of Duval** (ELC of Duval) and 1000 in 1000 partnered with the **United Parcel Service of America, Inc.** (UPS) to donate gifts for the children in these families.

Local UPS employees purchased presents for over 100 children in the 1000 in 1000 program, which helps move families out of poverty.

“Families in the 1000 in 1000 program are working hard to make wise financial decisions, and, by providing these gifts, UPS is helping these families stay on track with their financial goals,” said Susan Main, Executive Director of ELC of Duval. “It’s always exciting when ELC of Duval gets to work with local companies to impact the lives of families.”

ELC of Duval facilitated the gift exchange between the shipping giant and the 1000 in 1000 program. A group from ELC of Duval and 1000 in 1000 picked up the gifts from the UPS warehouse and to distribute to families before the holidays.

“We are overwhelmed by the generosity UPS has shown to the families in our program, especially at a time when things are tough for everyone” said Jacquelyn Thompson, 1000 in 1000 Program Manager. “I would like to thank each of the UPS team members who donated gifts to make this holiday special for each child.”

For more information regarding 1000 in 1000, or any other programs offered by ELC of Duval, visit [www.ChooseQualityChildCare.org](http://www.ChooseQualityChildCare.org) or call 904-208-2044.

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