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## **There are many ways to give. This is my story...**

Giving can take many forms. When I pass the puck to the forwards on the ice, I see the smile in their eyes as they skate up the ice towards the other team's net. I too share in the fun if they are able to score. Number 99 scored more points from assists than goals and so giving proved to be better for him too.

At Christmas I think about the gifts that are coming under the tree, but the thrill is over as soon as we open them on Christmas morning or on Christmas Eve if Mom and Dad let us. If I had to say what makes Christmas the most special, it would be the times when everyone comes together to visit, laugh, and talk. I love being around lots of people. The energy and laughter really makes me happy. I guess when we all give our time memories are created that we can all keep forever. My mom and dad often talk about Christmas time when they were younger by sharing stories involving family. That's what I want to share with my kids some day. Mom says this Christmas will be extra special since Grammie survived a heart attack which happened this past summer. Making memories with family and friends is what I want to give this Christmas, especially since it gives right back to me too.

*written by Trent, age 10, PEI*



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