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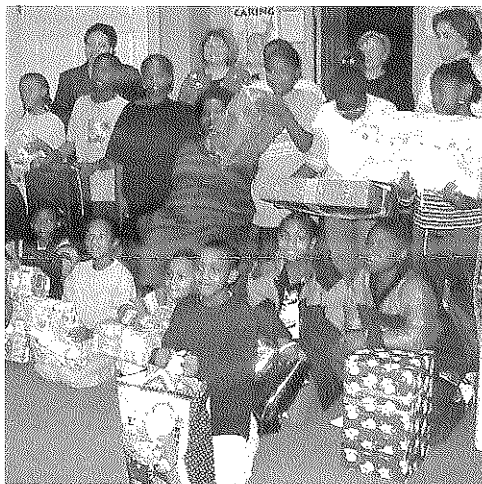
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## ***Faison Employees Provide Educational Opportunities For YWCA Youth***

The employees of Faison Enterprises, Inc. strongly believe in providing educational opportunities for at-risk and underprivileged youth. Two years ago, Allen Jackson, CFO of Faison, became interested in the YWCA programs of service during Faison's annual United Way Campaign Kick-Off. With the support of other philanthropically minded Faison employees, Jackson spearheaded the YWCA volunteer effort. In 2004 and 2005, Faison adopted the Savanna Woods and Live Oaks after school sites through the YWCA *Wish Upon A Star Project*.

Faison employees were so touched by their experience with the youth they wanted to do more. Today, Faison employees host after school tutorial sessions at two youth development sites. "Seeing the faces of the children is such a moving experience," said Cynthia Myers, Director of Human Resources for Faison. "The kids at our sites are so appreciative of the volunteers' time and attention." Faison is also sponsoring a ceramics workshop at the Savanna Woods youth development site. In connection with Clayworks, a non-profit pottery studio in Charlotte, a trained ceramics artist will instruct YWCA youth development students once-a-week for six weeks in basic pottery methods. Clayworks and the YWCA are hoping to expand these classes to other youth development sites with the assistance of grants and the business community. "Faison recognizes its responsibility to support our community," said Jackson. "Our corporate giving strategy focuses primarily on childhood educational programs. The YWCA youth development sites are a perfect fit for our charitable mission within the community."



Collaborators from Faison throw a *Wish Upon A Star* holiday party for YWCA youth.