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Through the eyes of a child, the giving season starts with hot chocolate cookies.

While kilts were dancing pipes were blowing at the **Scottish Christmas Walk**, the 5-year-old **Eleanor Angler Nuechterlein's** dream of selling hot chocolate cookies and donating the proceeds to "those in need" came to life along the parade route. Giving comes with its own rewards, said the mother and laughter of the 50-year-old youth of all ages involved in the grass-roots effort in support of **Jeffrey Nuechterlein** and **Abigail Spangler** at home at 304 S. Saint George Street. Met by one



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child's poster which read, "The donations will go to children who need your help," enthusiastic customers said more than once what a great learning experience this was for the children. What remained of the hundreds of Christmas cookies, ordered from **Firehook** and donated by neighbors, was given to the **Carpenter's Shelter**. The proceeds, an incredible \$1671.75, will go to **Tragedy**

Assistance Program for Survivors www.TAPS.org a nonprofit which assists the families of military lost in Iraq.

Mama Mia! Indulge in some comfort food while you host friends and family for the holidays. **Domenica Marchetti** of Alexandria, author of "The Glorious Soups and Stews of Italy," was raised spending summers in Italy visiting relatives and learned her craft from her Italian Mama, of course! And don't forget man's best friend; order your pooch's gourmet holiday dinners for dogs from **Barkley Square Bakery and Boutique**. "The garlic mashed potato snow man is much

tastier than the mailman," quips owner **Kristina Robertson**, 703.519.7565

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