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Lawyers do cookies, candy instead of torts

• Scanlon, Gearinger sponsors party for H.M. Life Opportunity Services

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A holiday party for participants of H.M. Life Opportunity Services brought Santa Claus to the recreation room at Annunciation Catholic Church Saturday afternoon. Sponsored by the law firm of Scanlon and Gearinger, the event featured a luncheon, face painting, crafts, and a performance by Nilsø the Magician, which Heidi Sutton and her daughters Jennifer and Jessica found intriguing.

Liz Bever said members of the law firm enjoyed making cookies and candy for goodie baskets each family took along home. Among those assisting with food and fun preparations were Tim Scanlon, Mark and Cathy Hilkert, Jim and Bobbie Rudgers and Pat Hart.

Two of Santa's elves, Paul Ellis and Leigh Anne Bowling insisted they worked at the southern branch of Santa's workshop, a place called Cleveland!

Mike DeMedico demonstrated his expertise at face painting, while Chrisann Work assisted with crafts, where the children made reindeer out of candy canes, and frames for the family photo with Santa.

Angie Boster and her sons, Trenton and Michael, were

among those enjoying Christmas cake and cookies, served by John Hill and Michele Hardman, while Bob Royer coordinated the kitchen, where pizza, rigatoni and salad were served. Development Director Alicia Tabet-McLaughlin said H.M. Life Opportunity Services, founded by the Sisters of the Hu-

mility of Mary in 1987, is a program for homeless, single-parent families, to provide assistance for parents to further their education or job skills training. Saturday's event was a double celebration for two members in the program who graduated from the University of Akron.

