

Santa's
TOY FACTORY
MAKING CHRISTMAS SPECIAL SINCE 1773

Santa Claus
101 St. Nicholas Drive
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Dearest Child:

Ho Ho Ho! How happy I was to receive your Christmas letter! I know you're probably wondering if Santa thinks you've been naughty or nice this year! Well, I think we both know you've been more than a little bad this year. *But guess what, sweet child?* Santa believes in second chances- and he's giving you one right now!

You see, sweetest one, this year, Santa needs *your* help for a change! He made a few bad investments last year- and now, he's in a bit of money pinch! Can you believe that? I even had to let some elves go last month- after centuries of working together! Why, it's as sad as my nose is red!

But do you know how Santa can get out of trouble? Well, with the help of a few good little boys and girls, that's how! *Are you one of those, my dear child?* Oh, don't just tell me you're good- it's time to *show me!* And here's how you can!

You just walk right over to your Mommy's purse (or Daddy's wallet). Wait until they're not looking, of course! Pull out a dollar- or ten- or even more if you really want to impress me! Then just put it in an envelope and mail it to the address above! It's all you need to do to go from naughty to nice in my big list! *(And oh, don't worry- your parents have been very bad this year- they had this coming!)*

Of course, if you're not able to help Santa out this year, I wouldn't get too excited about Christmas morning. Not unless you're hoping to do some charcoal grilling for New Year's! Ho ho no!

I've to run- the collection agents are calling again and I've got to try to buy myself a bit more time! They've already put a lien on the North Pole! ***Curse those @\$%@ bankers!***

Very sincerely hoping you'll come through for me like I always have for you!

Love, Santa

p.s. - I've included a photo of Rudolph with this letter! Isn't his red-nose a delight! I just hope Santa's able to keep that nose a-glowing! If things get any worse for poor ole Santa, Mrs. Claus may be using a bit of that coal to grill up some Rudolph the Red-Nosed Fajitas! Ho ho ho! But I know you won't let it come to that, will you?