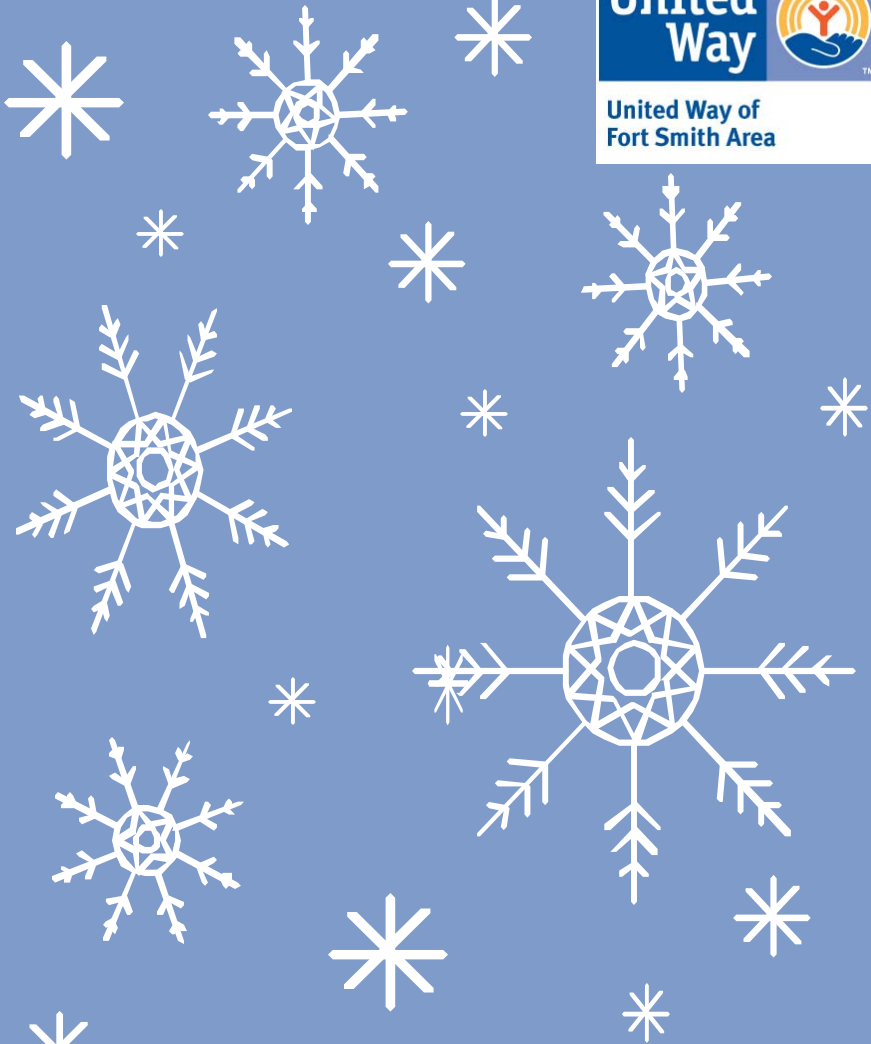


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**United Way of
Fort Smith Area**



2007

Holiday Giving Guide

**Volunteering and donation
opportunities in Western Arkansas**

Create memories with your loved ones this holiday season

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Dear volunteers and donors,

The holiday season is a special time of giving and reaching out to those in need. United Way is pleased to present the 2007 Holiday Giving Guide to our community. In this guide, you will find the most comprehensive list of ways to help others this holiday season. Many non-profit organizations are in need of volunteer assistance or financial resources this season. Your outreach and support to these organizations will bring much joy to those in need.

The **2007 Holiday Giving Guide** makes “giving back” as easy as possible. The activities, which are arranged alphabetically by agency name, show the tremendous need for volunteers and resources in our area. When you find an interesting opportunity that fits your schedule, simply call the agency contact to obtain more information. You should contact them as early as possible in the season because the volunteer activities get filled quickly.

We invite you to share these opportunities with your friends, neighbors, civic groups or church circle. If your organization would like to be included in next year’s Holiday Giving Guide, please contact United Way at 479-782-1311. Thanks in advance for giving and volunteering this holiday season,



Angela Tilley
Executive Director

Tips for using the 2007 Holiday Giving Guide

- Use the index on pages 3 & 4 to quickly find categories of need and volunteer opportunities.
- Form a group of friends or co-workers to “adopt” a family or an individual.
- Start a collection drive by placing a decorated carton for co-workers and/or customers. List items.
- Take up a collection to purchase gift certificates or vouchers.
- Look for a volunteer opportunity for the whole family, like sorting or delivering food baskets.

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If you want to share the **2007 Holiday *Giving* Guide**
with others, you may copy any portion of it.

Additional copies may also be downloaded from www.unitedwayfortsmith.org.

United Way of Ft. Smith Area

320 South 18th Street, P.O. Box 2300, Ft. Smith, AR 72902

479-782-1311, angela.tilley@unitedway.org

Contact: Angela Tilley, Executive Director

“An organization that works to ensure children succeed, build adult independence and build a strong community by connecting people and resources in our six-county area”

Holiday Wish List - Gifts in honor or memory of individuals to support the annual fundraising campaign or the endowment, children’s books and school supplies.

Volunteer Needs - Paint small retaining wall.

The Arc for the River Valley

2414 South 57th St., Suite 101, Ft. Smith, AR 72903

479-783-5529, tarv1959@sbcglobal.net

Contact: Amber Breazzeal, Executive Director

“Provide recreational and educational opportunities to children and adults with intellectual, physical, and developmental disabilities”

Holiday Wish List - Art supplies, new computers and/or computer programs & games, fishing poles, toys (to give away as prizes), office supplies (ink cartridges, copy paper, etc.), sponsorships and partnerships.

Volunteer Needs - Grant-writers, activity help, and fundraising help.

Boardwalk

4201 Kinkead Ave., 4301 Kinkead Ave. #8, Ft. Smith, AR 72903

479-783-6695

Contact: Teresa Burton, General Manager

“Emergency housing”

Holiday Wish List – Fence for play area and new play equipment.

Bost, Inc.

1801 South 74th Street, Ft. Smith, AR 72903

479-478-5554, jmontgomery@bost.org

Contact: Jeanne Montgomery

“Guiding lifetime opportunities”

Holiday Wish List - Industrial upright freezer; exercise equipment, stationary elliptical machine, golf clubs, outdoor furniture, a recumbent bike, living room furniture, lawn furniture, refrigerator and Christmas gifts for adult males and females.

Volunteer Needs – General painting of walls and doors.

Boys & Girls Club of Paris

717 N. 5th St., P.O. Box 227, Paris, AR 72855

479-963-3577, rdelsoto@yahoo.com

Contact: Richard DelSoto, CPO

“Inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens”

Holiday Wish List - PS3 games, love seats, art supplies, flat panel tv’s or monitors, and game tables.

Volunteer Needs - General help, Monday - Friday, 10am - 6pm.

The Boys Shelter, Inc.

5904 Zero Street, Ft. Smith, AR 72903

479-646-2819, boysshelter@cox.net

Contact: Steve Pereira, Executive Director

“Provide residential care for juveniles in need of supervision”

Holiday Wish List - X-box games (suitable for teenage boys), music CD’s, skateboards, helmets, elbow and knee pads, books (for teenage boys), bathroom towels, wash cloths, bedding (twin size), clock radios, clothes and gift cards.

Community Dental Clinic

109 North 17th Street, P. O. Box 4069, Ft. Smith, AR 72914

479-782-6021, nperry@csdcca.org

Contact: Nanya Perry, Director

“Low income dental care for Sebastian and Crawford County”

Holiday Wish List - Happy meal toys, toothbrushes and toothpaste (for children and adults), coloring books, crayons and books (for the waiting area), office and cleaning supplies.

Volunteer Needs - Light lawn work, making adult and tooth fairy bags, copy work, heavy yearly cleaning in office.

Community Mentoring Program, Inc.

4420 Wheeler Ave., Ft. Smith, AR 72901

1110 Main St., Van Buren, AR 72956

479-410-1500, communitymentors@sbcglobal.net

Contact: Myra Huie, Executive Director

“Moving single, at-risk mothers from dependence to independence”

Holiday Wish List - Household items, personal hygiene products for women and children, cleaning supplies, paper products, office supplies, Christmas gift items (children’s books, young teen books, toys, gift certificates for personal services: hair, nails, etc.).

Volunteer Needs - Mentors, office assistant, and babysitters.

Community Services Clearinghouse

4420 Wheeler Avenue, P.O. Box 1522, Ft. Smith, AR 72902

479-782-5074, sue.robison@clearinghousefortsmith.com

Contact: Sue Robison, Community Relations Coordinator

“Provides emergency assistance, both financial and food assistance, to families and individuals facing emergency situations”

Holiday Wish List - Sponsors for our families, either Thanksgiving or Christmas, to provide food and gifts for our neediest clients (sponsors will be matched with a specific family for the holiday), food donations to be distributed to our elderly and disabled clients for their holiday meals, donations of toys small enough to fit into a backpack to be shared with our Meals for Kids students, any toys for boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 13.

Volunteer Needs - Volunteers to help organize food drives for our food pantry, help pack and drive for the Meals for Kids program, and participate in our 2007/08 fund-raising events.

Comprehensive Juvenile Services, Inc.

1606 South J Street, Ft. Smith, AR 72901

479-785-4031, cjsdevelopment@sbcglobal.net

Contact: Debra W. Rieske, Director of Development

“A direct and subcontracted services to homeless/runaway at-risk youth to prevent advancement into the juvenile justice system”

Holiday Wish List - Overall agency wish list: Emergency clothing (new or gently worn jeans, t-shirts, pajamas, sweatshirts and pants, new undergarments and socks), personal care/hygiene items, bath & bedding items, furniture, appliances, kitchen and household items, recreational items, classroom materials, Angel Tree sponsors, birthday/special event sponsors, two vans!

Emergency shelter wish list: Youth typically arrive without any personal belongings and are in need of basic items and hygiene items to provide some of the comforts of home and make the transition to the shelter less traumatic.

Crisis Center for Women

500 Lexington Avenue, Suite A, Ft. Smith, 72901

479-782-1821, Jcanada@crisiscenterforwomen.org

Contact: Jennifer Canada, Executive Director

“Provide domestic violence and sexual assault services and education, empowering women and their children to live free of fear and harm within their own families”

Holiday Wish List - Dorm size refrigerator, microwave, office supplies, cleaning supplies, trash bags (all sizes), diapers (size 3,4,5), paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates/cups, twin size comforters for shelter, bath towels, phone cards for clients, washing powder/liquid, money to buy beds for clients leaving shelter.

Volunteer Needs - Help organizing gifts and food preparation for Christmas party for women and children, help decorating the shelter for Christmas (call for details and dates).

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library

320 South 18th Street, P.O. Box 2300, Ft. Smith, AR 72902

479-782-1311, megan.marquet@unitedway.org

Contact: Megan Marquet, Program Administrator

“A program of the United Way of Ft. Smith Area, Inc. that works to ensure children enter kindergarten ready to learn by building their own library”

Holiday Wish List - Gifts in honor or memory of an individual (\$30 to sponsor one child per year, \$150 to sponsor a child from birth to their 5th birthday).

Donald W. Reynolds Cancer Support House

3324 South M Street, Ft. Smith, AR 72903

479-782-6302, csfound@swbell.net or canhelp@swbell.net

Contact: Angie Clegg, Director or Wendy Lambkin, Program Manager

“Our mission is to provide cost-free, non-medical support programs and services to cancer patients and their family members and to provide educational programs to the community in support of early detection of cancer”

Holiday Wish List - Food for cancer patients and their families during the holiday season.

Volunteer Needs - Assistance with wrapping Christmas gifts for our current families.

Fort Smith Art Center

423 North Sixth Street, Ft. Smith, AR 72901

479-784-2787, info@Ft.smithartcenter.org

Contact: Katherine Applegate, Office Manager

“Through our exhibits, Gift Gallery, and educational programs, we work to make the arts accessible to all in our community”

Holiday Wish List - Garden hose reel cart, \$75 provides a scholarship for one child for a week of ARTsmART Summer Arts Camp, any financial gift to the ARTREACH Program (which brings free art classes to at-risk youth after school and to eight area nursing homes).

Volunteer Needs - Ongoing office help, serve refreshments at the Children’s Christmas Card Competition awards (Sunday, Dec. 2, 1-4 p.m.), help hosting monthly exhibit openings in 2008, on first Thursday evenings.

Fort Smith Boys & Girls Club (Stephens, Jeffery, Goldtrap-Gardner, Evans)

4905 North “O” Street, Ft. Smith, AR 72904

479-782-7093, JGlidewell@FSBGC.org, web site: www.fsbgc.org

Contact: Jerry Glidewell, Executive Director

“Serving close to 4,000 area young people (ages 6-18), by helping members develop qualities needed to become responsible citizens and leaders”

Holiday Wish List - Toys for boys & girls (ages 6-14), DVD movies rated G or PG, video games, gaming equipment (X-box, Playstation, etc.), arts and craft supplies, 15 passenger van, food for holiday parties at each club.

Volunteer Needs - Mentors needed for the Lean on Me Mentoring program (1 hour/wk) after school, contact Kari Fenby at 646-9519, Lean on Me Christmas party, basketball coaches (Dec. - March), baseball coaches (April - June), team sponsors for basketball, baseball and soccer.

Ft. Smith Children’s Emergency Shelter

3015 South 14th Street, Ft. Smith, AR 72901

479-783-0018, clayroper@sbcglobal.net

Contact: Clay Roper, Executive Director

“Serves area children ages 6 - 17 whose primary needs are emergency short-term housing due to family dysfunction, abuse, neglect, runaway situations or other social problems which cannot be remedied in their present family environment, or as a temporary placement for children in DHS custody whose placement has been disrupted”

Holiday Wish List - Personal CD players with headphones, “The latest” clothing fashions in teen and grade school sizes, current music CDs, store gift cards, batteries (AA, AAA, C, D), perfume/cologne, address books, winter & spring jackets, body lotions/body spray, art sets, match box cars, hand held electronic games, Legos, watches & wallets for boys & girls, sport ball caps, costume jewelry, games for all ages, remote control cars, teenager belts, purses, small picture frames, teen magazines, makeup bags, decks of playing cards, makeup brushes, pajamas/robes/slippers/cosmetics for teenage girls, hair brushes, hair accessories, boxer shorts, teenager size white socks, craft kits, hair dryers, long distance calling cards, a financial contribution to help support the daily needs of a child.

Fort Smith Christian Women's Job Corps

P.O. Box 601, Ft. Smith, AR 72902

479-353-7001, fscwj@yahoo.com

Contact: Glenda Harris

"Help women move from dependency to self-sufficiency"

Holiday Wish List – Adopt families for Christmas, donations and corporate sponsors.

Fort Smith Public Library

3201 Rogers Avenue, Ft. Smith, AR 72903

479-783-0229, jgoodson@fortsmithlibrary.org

Contact: Jennifer Goodson, Director

"Provide informational, educational, and recreational needs of Fort Smith and the surrounding communities through its collection of library resources and services"

Holiday Wish List – Donation in honor or memory of someone special (\$10-children's book, \$25-adult books).

Volunteer Needs - Individuals or groups to volunteer their time and skills at any one of our four library locations (regular or one-time basis).

Fort Smith Public Schools Homeless Education Program

811 North T Street, Ft. Smith AR, 72904

479-784-8182 ext. 3529, jcarroll@fortsmithschools.org

Contact: Jeanne Carroll, Homeless Liaison

"Provide quality educational and supportive services to children who are experiencing homelessness"

Holiday Wish List: Educational books & puzzles, Kleenex, deodorant for both male & female, 2-in-1 shampoo, tooth paste, toothbrushes, battery-operated alarm clocks, waterless hand soap, wet-wipes.

Volunteer Needs - Help distribute holiday gifts on Dec. 13 & 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fountain of Youth Adult Day Center

2409 South 56th Street, Suite 121, Ft. Smith, AR 72903

479-484-7782, info@foyaduldaycare.org

Contact: Mary Mastin, Director, or Michelle Carlton, Program Coordinator

"We provide a loving and safe place for seniors who are no longer able to stay at home alone while their employed caregivers work or take respite from the duties of care giving"

Holiday Wish List - Gifts for our senior citizens, turkeys & dressing for our volunteer appreciation luncheon in November, pies & cakes, Santa to come and visit, diaper wipes, toilet paper, Lysol crisp linen disinfectant, paper towels, bingo prizes, sugar free cookies, Windex refills, Febreze refills, Dawn dishwashing liquid, Cascade, liquid laundry detergent, copier paper, Lysol bath cleaner.

Volunteer Needs - Singing groups, musical ensembles, piano players (holiday music is big hit with our clients), 2 office workers (2-4 hour shifts), helpers to serve at our volunteer appreciation luncheon.

Gateway House

3900 Armour Ave., Ft. Smith, AR 72904

479-783-8849, ahudson@gatewayhouseinc.org

Contact: Anita Hudson Meadows, Executive Director

“Providing quality comprehensive chemical dependency treatment and services to our clients and their families”

Holiday Wish List - Toiletry gift sets for women, toys for children, turkeys for traditional Thanksgiving and/or Christmas dinners (add all the “fixins”, if desired), disposable plates, utensils, paper napkins, and disposable tablecloths for holiday events, Christmas cards and postage stamps for clients, infant/toddler clothing, office supplies (letter size manila folders, blue ink pens, copy paper, envelopes, etc.), toner cartridges for laser printers (contact us for types), twin size bedding (blankets, white sheets/pillowcases, pillows), small size diapers.

Girls Incorporated of Ft. Smith

1415 Old Greenwood Road, P.O. Box 1253, Ft. Smith, AR 72902

479-782-0622, mmckinney.ftsmith@girls-inc.org

Contact: Monica McKinney, Executive Director

“Girls only youth organization that provides educational and recreational programming for girls ages 6-18 in a safe environment and inspires all girls to be strong, smart and bold.”

Holiday Wish List – Christmas gifts and toys for girls ages 6-14, DVD movies rated G or PG, board games, educational books, educational software, craft supplies (craft sticks, art smocks, washable finger paints, construction paper, yarn, bracelet floss, scrapbooking supplies), volleyballs, office supplies (copy paper, large clasp envelopes, folders, card stock, mailing labels, etc.), color printer, a 15 passenger van (for after school transportation).

Volunteer Needs - Basketball score and clock keepers and concession workers for basketball season.

Girl Scout Council of Mount Magazine Area

5705 Gordon Lane, PO Box 3267, Ft. Smith, AR 72913

479-452-1290, www.gscmma.org

Contact: Marian Conrad, Director of Community Development

“Build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place”

Holiday Wish List – *Nature Center items*: Picnic tables for pavilion, gutters for buildings, wood chipper, kid friendly binoculars, birdseed, Petri dishes, slide cover plates, beakers, test tubes, other chemistry supplies, soil testing kits, water testing kits, inclined elementary cordless microscopes (Carolina Biological Supply for many of these items); *Kelley Cabin and Camp Cahinnio items*: 10 ft. pre-lit Christmas tree, 5 Motorola 2-way police radios (CP200 or similar), 4 Benches - Stationary Plastisol 8', arts and crafts supplies, PFD's (life jackets), trophies for sporting events, refrigerator, electric golf cart, sunfish sail boats, heavy duty roasting pan 18x24x9, shop tools, two-person travel tents, new sleeping bags, stethoscope.

Girls Shelter of Fort Smith, Inc.

2600 Raleigh, Ft. Smith, AR 72901

479-646-0444, girlsshelter2600@yahoo.com

Contact: Jama Kaye Watkins, Director of Social Services

“Residential care for females 13 to 17 years of age”

Holiday Wish List – Calculators, teenage girl fashionable clothing, store gift cards, perfumes, body lotions/body spray, costume jewelry, purses, teen magazines, makeup bags, decks of playing cards, makeup brushes, pajamas/robes/slippers/cosmetics for teenage girls, hair brushes, hair accessories,

Golden Rule Clothes Closet

212 North 3rd Street, Ft. Smith, AR 72901

479-783-8150, clydechaney@sbcglobal.net

Contact: Clyde and Betty Chaney

“Providing Christmas gifts and food baskets for families and children”

Holiday Wish List – Batteries for toys, canned goods, hams, turkeys, gifts such as bicycles, watches for teenage boys and girls (ages 14-17), wrapping paper, name tags and ribbon.

Volunteer Needs – Gift wrappers in mid December (9am – 4pm) at Argco Warehouse, 5400 S 66th St. (off Zero St. turn left on 66th at Riggs Tractor).

Good Samaritan Clinic

615 N. B St., Ft. Smith, AR 72901

479-783-0233, info@goodsamaritanclinic.net

Contact: Brenda Hook, Clinic Manager

“Provide compassionate health care for the working uninsured, their families, the homeless, and those facing extraordinary life circumstances”

Holiday Wish List - Over-the-counter medications, cookbooks for diabetics (with easy & inexpensive recipes), toothbrushes, toothpaste, copy paper, office supplies (white envelopes, large clasp envelopes, etc.) postage stamps, cleaning products, paper products (paper towels, paper plates, napkins), hand sanitizer, hand soap, gas cards, public transit tokens, diabetic Medical Alert bracelets.

Volunteer Needs – Bilingual, medical, yard work (mowing, cleanup, grooming flower bed), address thank you notes and holiday acknowledgments, stuff envelopes, etc.

Habitat for Humanity

318 S. 17th Street, Ft. Smith, AR 72901

479-782-8255, avhfh@mynewroads.com

Contact: Jay Poppe, Executive Director

“Build simple, decent homes for God’s children in need”

Holiday Wish List – Fireproof file cabinet, high volume copier and/or printer.

Volunteer Needs – Cashiers and stockers for our ReStore, pick up donations, jack-of-all-trade to fix donated equipment, assist in first aid booth, supplying/serving breakfast, lunch and dinner during June Blitz Builder program, construction team leaders (knowledgeable in home building and available for long term commitment, we will provide training in Habitat for Humanity building practices).

Harbor House, Inc.

615 North 19th Street, P.O. Box 4207, Ft. Smith, AR 72901

479-785-4083, harborhousefs@hotmail.com

Contact: Mike Gulley, Executive Director

"We are a substance abuse treatment facility"

Holiday Wish List - 24 bunk beds (single) with mattresses, 6 heavy duty, large capacity dryers, 75 pound capacity ice machine, 48 sets of linens for single beds, 48 standard size pillows, 3 lawn mowers, 6 commercial vacuum cleaners, 12 office chairs, 25 heavy duty folding chairs, 1 double commercial refrigerator, 6 new laptop computers, repair and resurfacing of the parking lot, disposable plastic plates, silverware and glasses, networking system for computers, with ability to grow, turkeys for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas, Christmas tree and holiday themed DVD's.

Immaculate Conception School

223 S. 14th Street, Ft. Smith, AR 72901

479-785-7990, sscorby@icschoolfs.org

Contact: Sherry Scorby, Development Director

"Prepare students to be productive Christian citizens of tomorrow"

Holiday Wish List – Donation to our tuition assistance fund.

Volunteer Needs - Work with children and assistance in the graphic design of publications.

Lincoln Childcare Center

1415 North 9th Street, Ft. Smith, AR 72901

479-782-4997, lincolnchild1@aol.com

Contact: Alexandra Altiner, Executive Director

"Affordable childcare and free preschool programs for low income families to ensure children succeed"

Holiday Wish List - Baby wipes, diapers, pull-up, infant hard cover books.

Volunteer Needs - Read to the children and help in the infant room.

Literacy Council of Western Arkansas

300 S. 11th Street, P.O. Box 423, Ft. Smith, AR 72902

479-783-2665, helptoread@sbcglobal.net

Contact: Mary Pearson, Administrative Assistant

"Tutor adults in reading, math, and English as a second language along with citizenship assistance"

Holiday Wish List – Computer software & books for school age children (K-9th grade), financial donations.

Volunteer Needs – Tutors with at least a 6-9 month commitment.

Next Step Day Room

123 North 6th Street, Ft. Smith, AR 72901

479-782-5433, Integrity.gabriel@juno.com

Contact: Linda Gabriel, Assistant Executive Director

"Seeking solutions to homelessness through individual case management with direction toward self-sufficiency"

Holiday Wish List – Sleeping bags, tarps, one-person tents, ponchos, fully cooked turkeys, dressing, giblet gravy, gifts for male and female adults facing homelessness, gloves, socks, stocking caps, scarves, hand warmers, cough drops, blankets, cans of coffee, sugar and creamer (for the approx. 200 cups served daily).

Volunteer Needs – Share, cook or serve Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners!

Project Compassion, Inc.

1205 South Albert Pike, Ft. Smith, AR 72903

479-783-2273, projectcompassion@sbcglobal.net

Contact: Annette Mackey, Volunteer Manager/Office Manager

"A volunteer organization bringing companionship, joy, and quality of life to residents in nursing homes and retirement centers"

Holiday Wish List - New men's and women's items in all sizes: pajamas, gowns, robes, sweatsuits, flannel shirts, non-skid slipper socks, house shoes, and new stuffed animals to give to over 3000 nursing home residents.

Volunteer Needs - One-on-one visitation, domino or checker players, help with group activities such as bingo, arts and crafts, music and pet therapy for nursing home residents who have no family or their family is too far away to visit regularly.

Project Linus

1127 Harris Drive, Alma, AR 72921

479-739-5352, reborn7@cox.net, www.projectlinus.org

Contact: Laura Caldwell, Chapter Coordinator for Crawford & Sebastian Counties

"We are a children's non profit organization that provides love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, beautifully created by volunteer 'blanketeers'"

Holiday wish list - Kid friendly print material (cotton, flannel, fleece, etc.), yarn (we need lots of yarn), stamps (for mailing blankets, newsletters, etc.), Wal-Mart gift cards, monetary donations.

Volunteer Needs - We need lots of "blanketeers", people to help make blankets.

River Valley Regional Food Bank

1420 North 32nd Street, P. O. Box 4069, Ft. Smith, AR 72914

479-785-0582, tlemons@cscdcca.org

Contact: Ted Clemons, Agency and Donor Relations Coordinator

"Provide grocery products to non-profit poverty relief organizations in the River Valley"

Holiday Wish List – A new warehouse facility, more funding to improve the amount and quality of grocery products and increase frozen foods capacity, a concrete pad to allow access to newly donated storage trailers.

Volunteer Needs – Inspectors to sort and label newly acquired products to insure suitability for distribution.

The Salvation Army

301 North 6th Street, P.O. Box 292, Ft. Smith, AR 72901

479-783-6145, james_edmonds@uss.salvationarmy.org

Contact: Major James E. Edmonds, Corps Officer

"International religious and charitable movement that is a branch of the Christian Church, motivated by a love for God and a concern for the needs of all humanity"

Holiday Wish List - Toys for children assisted by the Angel Tree program, small toys, coloring books and crayons for stockings, clothing, blankets and other gifts for the elderly (particularly sweat suits of any size).

Volunteer Needs - Angel Tree booth volunteers, canned food drive sorting, bellringers.

Sebastian County Drug Court

35 South 6th Street, Room 101, Ft. Smith, AR 72901

479-784-1507, spage@co.sebastian.ar.us

Contact: Shirl J. Page, Coordinator

“To assist and encourage clients in their substance abuse rehabilitation process through constructive and innovative court supervision”

Holiday Wish List - Adult bikes, free and/or reduced medical, dental & eye care, underwriters for graduations (invitations, entertainment, refreshments, gifts).

Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Crawford & Sebastian Counties

P.O. Box 8108, Ft. Smith, AR 72902

479-434-6171, spsf_ar@yahoo.com

Contact: Christy Williams, Executive Director

“To provide supplemental financial assistance to those single parents who are pursuing a course of instruction that will improve their income-earning potential.”

Holiday Wish List - Assist one of our scholarship families during the holidays, office supplies (paper shredder, paper cutter and trimmer).

St. Edward Mercy Hospice

5401 Ellsworth Rd., P. O. Box 17000, Ft. Smith, AR 72917

479-314-1156 or 314-1150, Dianne.Kitchen@Mercy.Net

Contact: Dianne Kitchen, Volunteer Coordinator

“Care for patients, in their homes, with a terminal illness”

Holiday Wish List – Holiday bags to fill with items for Christmas gifts and items that can be included in the bags (candy, fruit, calendars, ornaments, soap, notepads, pens, slippers, socks, Kleenex, washcloths, etc.)

Volunteer Needs – Help putting bags together.

Stepping Stone School for Exceptional Children, Inc.

123 Thicksten Drive, P.O. Box 2389, Alma, AR 72921

479-632-3813, twilson@steppingstonearkansas.com

Contact: Toni Wilson, Executive Director

“Serve children and adults with developmental disabilities”

Holiday Wish List - Die Cast Machine, infant and toddler car seats, baby wipes, 6 x 9 foot carpets.

Volunteer Needs - Assist with answering phone and greeting visitors, help with our Valentine Fundraiser - February 11-14 (assembling & delivering approximately 1,000 candy & balloon bouquets), sew mat covers.

UAMS Kids First

6601 Phoenix Ave., Suite B, Ft. Smith, AR 72903

479-785-9091, Tylerkarens@UAMS.edu

Contact: Karen Tyler, Director

“A non-profit pediatric health care clinic for children 0-5 that have a medical diagnosis”

Holiday Wish List - Christmas presents for our 60-70 enrolled children (especially children’s books), wash cloths, bibs, children’s blankets, art supplies for children under 6 years old, adopting a struggling family with a young mother who lost her 36-year-old husband.

Volunteer Needs - Volunteering in our classrooms or office, someone to take pictures of each child with Santa during the Christmas Party, assist in decorating, wrapping gifts, etc.

We Care Foundation

3324 South M Street, P.O. Box 3431, Ft. Smith, AR 72913

479-782-8822, wecarefound@yahoo.com

Contact: Maureen Didion, Executive Director

“Dedicated to improving and enriching the lives of children, ages 3-19, with cancer, hemophilia, sickle cell anemia and AIDS”

Holiday Wish List - Books for youngsters to young adults, sticker books, fuzzy slippers & fun socks (age 3-12), new sleeping bags, hair brushes, hair ties, bright colored t-shirts sizes: child(M & L) adult(M, L, XL), cards & simple puzzles, toner (HP Laser Jet printer 3055), copy paper, stamps, Walmart & Books-a-Million gift cards, gifts to honor a family member or friend, help sponsor a child to Camp Dream Street, help sponsor a family to the We Care Family Vacation, help sponsor a survivor’s college scholarship.

WestArk RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program)

401 North 13th Street, Ft. Smith, AR 72901

479-783-4155, rsvp@ipa.net, www.WestArkRSVP.org

Contact: Susie Reehl, Program Director or Trish Walker, Volunteer Manager

“We recruit active adults 55 years of age and older to volunteer with local community non-profit agencies”

Holiday Wish List - *Senior Computer Lab* needs HP printer cartridges #28 and #27, flat screen monitors and laser mailing labels; *Fraud Patrol* needs multimedia projector, laser paper and writing pens; *Tax Center for the Elderly* needs white and pastel copy paper, laptop computers and a copier; *RSVP Center* needs postage stamps, large clasp envelopes, business size grip-seal envelopes, manila folders and card stock, lots of yarn!

Volunteer Needs - *Fraud Patrol/Medicare Advocates*: Volunteers will be trained to handle questions and concerns Medicare beneficiaries may have about their Medicare and/or Medicaid bills and coverage. Fraud Patrol members will make presentations to seniors about identifying, preventing and reporting fraud. Volunteers will be trained to use the Medicare.gov website plan finder. *Income Tax Assistance*: Volunteers to provide seniors and the working poor with free tax preparation and electronic filing. Training provided. An accounting background is not required, but being comfortable using a computer is a huge asset. Volunteers also needed to greet the public, assist with registration and make appointments for those seeking tax assistance.

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