

2010 Holiday Giving Guide



Volunteer and Donation Opportunities in
Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma

Create memories with your loved ones this holiday season

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Dear Volunteers and Donors,

Throughout the year, United Way of Fort Smith Area receives phone calls and e-mails from individuals who want to help, but don't know where to start. Whether they want to give financially, advocate for a cause or volunteer their time they are looking for a way to LIVE UNITED.

The 2010 Holiday Giving guide makes it easier for everyone to LIVE UNITED. The activities, which are arranged alphabetically by agency names, clearly identify the need for specific resources and generous volunteers at organizations in our area. When you find an opportunity that interests you, simply call the agency to find out more information. Because certain opportunities fill quickly, you should contact the agency as early as possible in the season.

This is the fifth year for the United Way Giving Guide. 2010 has been a year filled with economic challenges. The downturn of the economy continues to impact many people's lives. There is a heightened need in our community at present, and social agencies are trying valiantly to keep up with these needs. As we reflect on what we are most thankful for in our lives, what better way to share the Holiday spirit than to reach out to help others?

Please share this guide with your neighbors, co-workers, friends and family. We hope that that 2010 guide will help make many more wishes come true for agencies and individuals in our area.

Thank you for giving and volunteering this holiday season. Thank you for choosing to LIVE UNITED.



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Executive Director

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Tips for using the 2010 Holiday Giving Guide

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

If you want to share the **2010 Holiday Giving Guide**
with others, you may copy any portion of it.

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United Way of Fort Smith Area

320 South 18th Street, PO BOX 2300, Fort Smith, AR 72902

479-782-1311, tomminton@mynewroads.com

Contact: Tom Minton, Executive Director

Mission: To improve lives 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, 10 x 10 or greater Storage Building.

Volunteer Needs - Install a window in the office, paint small retaining wall.

Abilities Unlimited, Inc.

3305 Kibler Road, Van Buren, AR 72956

479-471-5354, au@ipa.net

Contact: William Loyd, Executive Director

Mission: Workshop and day program for disabled adults.

Holiday Wish List - Folder with pockets and prongs, card stock (all colors), markers, arts and craft supplies, sewing notions, hair accessories, sports uniforms for track, basketball and softball, plastic tubs, storage bins, carpet runners, 6-8' tables, sturdy chairs, outdoor tables and chairs, outdoor grill, portable storage building, river rock, and site work for parking lot.

Volunteer Needs - Individuals to sort donated clothing, shoes, and purses, and individuals to partner with disabled adults during Special Olympic events.

The Arc for the River Valley

2301 South 56th Street, Suite 107, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-783-5529, arcrivervalley@gmail.com

www.arcrivervalley.org

Contact: Patti Logan, Executive Director

Mission: The Arc provides advocacy, education, and recreation for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Holiday Wish List - New computers, copy paper, copier, arts and crafts supplies, computer games, office furniture, Nintendo & games, cordless office phone system, bottled water, stamps, gift cards from office supply companies, puzzle books, DVD & VHS movies, monetary/in-kind donations.

Volunteer Needs - Help with monthly recreational events (parties, water park, fun walk, etc.), computer techs, art activities, data entry, public relations, advocacy.

Boardwalk

4301 Kinkead Avenue #8, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-783-6695; tbkids2@hotmail.com

Contact: Teresa Burton, General Manager

Mission: Provide emergency housing.

Holiday Wish List - Christmas for Kids, give Christmas party and buy gifts for all the children in each apartment in Emergency Housing, picnic tables and playground equipment.

Volunteer Needs - Anyone wanting to keep Santa alive as the above requested gifts may be the only gifts received for these children, program in jeopardy so any kind of support needed.

Boys & Girls Club of the Alma Area

410 East Main Street, PO BOX 1689, Alma, AR 72921

479-632-2070, jeffbgcaa@hotmail.com

Contact: Jeff Inness, CPO

Mission: To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Holiday Wish List - Clothing for kids age 6-18, office supplies, video camera, digital camera, acoustic guitars, arts & crafts supplies, educational supplies, educational software, DVD movies G & PG, tools, air filters 16x25x1 & 18x18x2.

Boys & Girls Club of Paris

717 North 5th Street, PO BOX 227, Paris, AR 72855

479-963-3577, boysgirlsclubparis@yahoo.com

Contact: Richard DelSoto, Executive Director

Mission: To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

Holiday Wish List - Office desk, flat panel monitors, PS3 system, PS3 games, pool sticks, and sports supplies.

Volunteer Needs - Tutors for one or more days during the week from 3:30pm—4:30pm, general volunteers needed any day or time Monday—Friday from 10:00am—6:00pm.

Boys & Girls Club of Sequoyah County

111 N. Elm Street, Unit C, PO BOX 1028, Sallisaw, OK 74955

918-775-4659, bgcseq@msn.com

Contact: Noreen Reininger, Chief Professional Officer

Mission: Provide quality after school programming to 500 children ages 6 to 18 at five different units throughout the Sequoyah County. (Membership is 1,200 at present.)

Holiday Wish List - New copier, 100 or more \$5 gift cards to give away to club members at the annual Christmas party.

Volunteer Needs - Mentors for the mentoring program which consists of one adult/child match meeting for 1 hour per week for 52 weeks—particular need for successful minority males.

Boys & Girls Club of South Logan County

751 N. Kennedy Avenue, PO BOX 545, Booneville, AR 72927

479-675-2764, rscottbgcslc@magtel.com

Contact: Rick Scott, Executive Director

Mission: Youth development organization serving children ages 6-18 through afterschool programs, summer programs and alternative sports activities.

Holiday Wish List - Basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, Wii system with active games, office copy machine, scanner, digital cameras, heavy duty air hockey table, heavy duty ping pong table, computer lab chairs, acoustic guitars and bass guitar for music lessons, and Box Hockey game.

Volunteer Needs - Assist with teaching photography, music lessons, and art lessons.

Boys & Girls Club of Van Buren

1403 City Park Rd, PO Box 443, Van Buren, AR 72956

479-474-9401, cfaldon@cox.net

www.bgcofvb.org

Contact: Cindy Faldon, Executive Director

Holiday Wish List - Art Supplies, paper, pencils, sporting equipment, tables, chairs

Boy Scouts (Westark Area Council)

1401 Old Greenwood Road, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-7244, westark@bsamail.org

Contact: Bryan Feather, Chief Executive Officer

Mission: To teach young people skills for making ethical decisions that will help them reach their full potential.

Holiday Wish List - Office supplies including file folders, copy paper, colored paper, colored card stock, scissors, 3" and 4" binders, #10 window envelopes, mailing labels-Avery 5160, sandwich and snack bags, plastic shopping bags, pens, office equipment including (2) fax machines, phone system, vacuum cleaner, VHS/DVD recorder, cleaning supplies.

Volunteer Needs - Electrical services at the office.

The Boys' Shelter, Inc.

5904 South Zero Street, PO BOX 10428, Fort Smith, AR 72917

479-646-2819, boyshelter@cox.net

Contact: Steve Pereira, Director, or Brenda Pereira, Assistant Director

Mission: We are a facility providing care, a home environment, guidance, and education for teenage boys in need.

Holiday Wish List - Twin bedding, standard size pillows, blankets, bath towels, washcloths, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, dish towels, 4-slice toaster, AA & AAA batteries, headphones, X-Box 360 Kinect, Wii Console, gift certificates in any amount for future needs, gift certificates or discount cards for go-carting, miniature golf, bowling, movies, restaurants and events, 2 push lawnmowers, air compressor, 5-computer-desk chairs.

Volunteer Needs - Mentors, barber services, handyman

CASA of the Tri-Peaks Area, Inc.

Booneville Courthouse, #22, 366 N. Broadway, Booneville, AR 72927

479-675-2641, casatripeaks15@centurytel.net

Contact: Pat Stengel, Executive Director

Mission: To provide court-appointed volunteer advocates for abused and neglected children who are involved in the court system, and to educate the community regarding its responsibility for its most vulnerable children.

Holiday Wish List - Small gift items for children of all ages such as: Flashlights, nightlights, pajamas, Barbie Dolls or small dolls, Stuffed animals, personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, purses or bags for teenagers, clothing items for children of all ages, books, puzzles, balls, matchbox cars and trucks, Transformers, board games, electronic hand held games, and journals. Paid advertising space to help in recruitment (TV, newspaper, radio, billboards), book shelf, cell phone, copy paper, postage, portfolios, and fuel vouchers.

Volunteer Needs - Organizers and planners for various tasks.

Children's Emergency Shelter

3015 S. 14th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-783-0018, clayroper@sbcglobal.net

Contact: Clay Roper, Executive Director or Ami Curry, Director of Social Services

Mission: Provides emergency short-term housing to area children, ages 6 to 17, suffering from abuse, neglect or other social problems which cannot be remedied in their present family environment.

Holiday Wish List - Gift cards to area stores for each child, X-box games, Wii games, make-up, cologne, perfumes, new tennis shoes, hoodies, warm pajamas, slippers, art sets, jewelry, stocking stuffers and lots of surprises.

Community Dental Clinic

109 North 17th Street, PO BOX 4069, Fort Smith, AR 72914

479-782-6021, nperry@cscdcca.org

Contact: Nanya Perry, Director

Mission: Low income, basic dental care for the poor, indigent, uninsured and disabled.

Holiday Wish List - Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Floss, kid's meal toys, benches inside or out, TV's with VCR's, small fan, small heater, children books, books and magazines, cleaning supplies, office supplies, VCR tapes.

Volunteer Needs - General cleaning, lawn care, and light office work.

Community Services Clearinghouse

4420 Wheeler Avenue, PO BOX 1522, Fort Smith, AR 72902

479-782-5074, sue.robison@cscclearinghouse.org

Contact: Sue Robison, Community Relations Coordinator

Mission: Offers assistance to low income families, working families facing emergency situations, the elderly, the disabled, and children in need.

Holiday Wish List - Thanksgiving sponsors to help provide food to families, Christmas sponsors to select and purchase gifts for children in struggling, working families, sponsor a Clearinghouse family this Christmas season, small toys (small enough to fit inside a backpack such as, small dolls, hand held games, puzzles, jewelry and toy cars) to be distributed in the last backpack our Meals For Kids students take home before Christmas, food for our pantry during the holiday season to be distributed to our elderly families and the families referred to us by the Reynolds Cancer Support House, and food drives are a double blessing.

Volunteer Needs - Anyone willing to organize a food or toy drive through their work, church, neighborhood or any organization.

Comprehensive Juvenile Services, Inc.

1606 South "J" Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-785-4031, Janice.Justice@arkansas.gov

Contact: Janice Justice, Assistant Director

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

Holiday Wish List - Emergency clothing (new or gently worn jeans, t-shirts, pajamas, sweatshirts and pants, new undergarments and socks), personal care/hygiene items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, dental floss, etc.), bath & bedding items (sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, laundry baskets, duffle bags, storage containers), furniture, appliances, kitchen and household items (cookware, dishes, silverware, small appliances), recreational items (books, games, sports and exercise equipment), classroom materials (supplies, books, computers, educational material), and a 12-passenger van.

Crisis Intervention Center

5603 South 14th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901
479-782-1821, nbabb@crisisinterventioncenter.org
Contact: Nicki Babb, Executive Director

Mission: End domestic violence and sexual assault through services, education, and prevention programs which empower men, women and their children to live free of fear and harm within their own families and community.

Holiday Wish List - Diapers, baby wipes, and personal hygiene products such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, African-American skin care and hair care products, toilet paper, paper towels, household cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, fabric softener, and food items for residential clients.

Volunteer Needs - Mentors to support efforts of victims, contact Nicki Babb.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

320 South 18th Street, PO BOX 2300, Fort Smith, AR 72902
479-782-1311, levonnegryder@mynewroads.com
Contact: Levonne Gryder, Imagination Library Coordinator

Mission: A program of the United Way of Fort 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 fifth birthday).

Donald W. Reynolds Cancer Support House

3324 South "M" Street, Fort Smith, AR 72903
479-782-6302, wendy@reynoldscancersupporthouse.org or michele@reynoldscancersupporthouse.org
Contact: Wendy Lambkin, Client Relations Manager or Michele Delawder, Director of Programming

Mission: 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 and adopt a family for Christmas that is dealing with cancer.

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

Fort Smith Adult Education Center

501 S. 20th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901
479-784-8185, gudouj@fortsmithschools.org
Contact: Gary Udouj, Jr., Director

Mission: To serve Sebastian County, offering free adult classes and childcare for student's children.

Holiday Wish List - "Play With A Purpose" catalog: Portable preschool hand washing sink page 170, Bumble Bee Buggy & Squirrel and Puppy ride ons page 95, Bilingual Town Carpet page 146 #PR19-220—"School Specialty" catalog—Sand and Water Tubs page 237 #9-067017-238. High Chair, table top big book rack. Specialty item—Storage building near playground so that our outdoor toys could be accessible.

Volunteer Needs - Read to children.

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

4905 North "O" Street, Fort Smith, AR 72904
479-782-7093, JGlidewell@FSBGC.org, web site: www.fsbgc.org
Contact: Jerry Glidewell, Executive Director

Mission: 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 - Christmas gifts for needy members (boys and girls ages 6-14), DVD movies rated G or PG, video games and equipment (X-box, play station, etc.), arts and craft supplies, sporting goods, and a 15 passenger van (for after-school transportation).

Volunteer Needs - Mentors for the Lean on Me Mentoring program - one hour per week after school and Lean On Me Christmas Party volunteers (contact Kari Fenby at 479-522-1712 or KFenby@FSBGC.org), volunteer basketball (Dec-Mar) coaches and baseball (Apr-June) coaches (contact Chris Reeder at 479-452-5779 or CReeder@FSBGC.org), sponsors for basketball, baseball and soccer, and after-school tutors.

Fort Smith Christian Women's Job Corps

PO BOX 601, Fort Smith, AR 72902

479-353-7001, fscwj@yaho.com

Contact: Mary Mathews, Assistant Site Coordinator

Mission: To encourage, equip and model life change in women.

Holiday Wish List – Mentors, volunteers, donations and corporate sponsors, office supplies, stamps, personal care items for women, cleaning supplies, Bibles, women's Bible studies and devotionals.

Fort Smith Public Schools Homeless Education Program

811 North "T" Street, Fort Smith AR, 72904

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

Contact: Jeanne Carroll, Homeless Liaison

Mission: Provide educational support for students experiencing homelessness.

Holiday Wish List: Backpacks, school supplies, hygiene products, dictionaries, and supplemental reading materials.

Volunteer Needs - Assist in distributing holiday gifts, assemble backpacks and assemble Parent Information Handbooks.

Fort Smith Public Schools Parents as Teachers Program

811 North "T" Street, Fort Smith AR, 72904

479-784-8182 ext. 3533, kobrien@fortsmithschools.org

Contact: Kathryn O'Brien, Supervisor of ECE, Parent & Community Services

Mission: Supports parents in their role as their child's first and most important teacher.

Holiday Wish List - Books for preschool children, crayons, and construction paper.

Volunteer Needs - Assist in assembling PAT Parent Information Handbooks.

Fountain of Youth Adult Day Center

2409 South 56th Street, Suite 121, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-484-7782, sitedirector@foyaduldaycare.org

www.fountainofyouthaduldaycenter.org

Contact: Kristi Graham, Executive Director

Mission: We provide quality, affordable care for dependent adults while family members work, volunteer or simply enjoy a time of respite from constant care giving.

Holiday Wish List - Art and craft supplies, color card stock, outdoor activities and games, small prizes for bingo, nonperishable foods far from expiration dates, office supplies of all kinds, copy and laser paper, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, Styrofoam plates, cups and bowls, straws, zip-lock storage bags, baby wipes, chucks, karaoke machine, 7 in 1 game table, Automated External Defibrillators, vacant land or exceptional building to house new facility.

Gateway House

3900 Armour Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72904

479-783-8849, ahudson@gatewayhouseinc.org

Contact: Anita Hudson Meadows, Executive Director

Mission: 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, Christmas cards and postage stamps for clients, infant/toddler clothing, office supplies (letter size manila folders, blue ink pens, copy paper, envelopes, etc.), towels, washcloths, twin size bedding (blankets, sheets/pillowcases, pillows), small size diapers and wipes. Financial contributions greatly appreciated.

Girls Incorporated of Fort Smith

1415 Old Greenwood Road, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-0622, mmckinney@girlsincfortsmith.org

Contact: Monica McKinney, Executive Director

Mission: Nonprofit youth organization for girls, providing after school programs, summer programs, & sports programs.

Holiday Wish List – Children's DVDs, educational DVDs, board games, computer games, sports equipment (basketballs, volleyballs, knee pads, volleyball nets, jump ropes, hula hoops, etc.), computers, computer games, art supplies (chalk, crayons, construction paper, glue, craft sticks, googly eyes, etc.), 15 passenger van, little prizes for prize box, books for kids and teens, music for children, science experiment kits, education kits, ceiling fixed, new gym floor, and tables.

Volunteer Needs - Tutors and homework helpers from 4:00-6:00pm M-F (background check required prior to volunteering)

Girl Scouts - Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas

5705 Gordon Lane, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-452-1290, 1-800-632-6894, mconrad@girlscoutsdiamonds.org

Contact: Marian Conrad, Regional Manager

Mission: Build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Holiday Wish List – Educational activity books for kids and teens, small fish nets, sketch paper, pencils, science experiment kits, hiking backpacks, life jackets (child sizes), horseback riding helmets, bike helmets, electric golf cart, socket (3/4” and 1/2”) set, wrenches of any kind, hand tools, screwdrivers, hedge trimmers, loppers, 8’ round and 6’ long lifetime folding tables, copy paper, fax/copier machine, zip type sandwich and gallon size bags, #10 envelopes, digital cameras, SanDisk camera cards, toothbrushes, small tooth paste tubes.

Nature Center items—(cleaned skulls, bones, furs, and nature hands-on items for displays.)

Volunteer Needs - Troop leaders, adult volunteers for varying hours each month at various schools to assist with in-school and after school scouting, and assistance with various girl programs throughout the year.

Girls Shelter of Fort Smith, Inc.

2600 Raleigh, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-646-0444, girlsshelter2600@yahoo.com

Contact: Mary Dale Colvett, Administrator

Mission: Teach positive behaviors and personal responsibility with an emphasis on education to females 12-18 years of age that have been placed out of their homes and into our 12 month residential program.

Holiday Wish List - Paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins) and Bath towels.

Volunteer Needs - Someone to spend time with the girls, and help with fund-raising.

Golden Rule Clothes Closet

212 North 3rd Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-783-8150, clydechaney@sbcglobal.net

Contact: Clyde and Betty Chaney

Mission: Provide free clothing and household items to anyone in need.

Holiday Wish List – Gifts for boys and girls ages 13-18, and batteries for toys.

Volunteer Needs – Volunteers needed to organize and sort donations.

Good Samaritan Clinic

615 North “B” Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-783-0233, evan@goodsamaritanclinic.net

Contact: Evan Breedlove, Executive Director

Mission: A faith based clinic that provides primary medical care services to low-income people who lack health insurance.

Holiday Wish List - Paper products (paper plates, paper towels, copy paper, toilet paper, envelopes), postage stamps, trash bags (all sizes), disinfectant cleaning supplies, microbial hand soap, a mid-size business high-speed copier/fax machine, and public transit tokens.

Volunteer Needs – Volunteer Nurses and physicians to see patients, and year-round volunteers to assist in clerical duties.

Habitat for Humanity

318 S. 17th Street, PO Box 754, Fort Smith, AR 72902

479-782-8255, avhfh@mynewroads.com

Contact: Jay Poppe, Executive Director

Mission: Build simple, decent homes for God’s children in need.

Holiday Wish List – Flat screen monitor.

Volunteer Needs – Committee volunteers, cashiers and stockers for our ReStore, jack-of-all-trade to fix donated equipment, supplying/serving, lunch and dinner during March 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, PO BOX 4207, Fort Smith, AR 72914
479-785-4083, harborhouseefs@hotmail.com

Contact: Roberta Hutchinson, Financial Coordinator, or Mary E. Alink, Director

Mission: Adult male alcohol and drug treatment facility.

Holiday Wish List - Twin size sheets, blankets, and pillows, towels, and personal hygiene items.

Heart to Heart Pregnancy Support Center

417 S 16th, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-452-2260, hearttoheart@mynewroads.com

Contact: Theresa Reeves, Executive Director, or Autumn Becker, Operations Manager

Mission: Pro-life center providing peer counseling and support to families with pregnancy relate concerns.

Holiday Wish List - Diapers (all sizes), infant formula, infant clothing (size 0-3T), maternity clothing (all sizes), cleaning supplies, and copy paper.

Volunteer Needs - Client advocate (peer counselors), maternity/baby closet coordinators, client intake specialist (receptionist and data entry), and someone to work with children.

Lincoln Childcare Center

1415 North 9th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-4997, lincolnchild1@aol.com

Contact: Alexandra Altiner, Executive Director

Mission: Provide quality childcare and preschool education to children ages 6 weeks to 6 years old at an affordable price to the families they serve. The Center seeks to address a portion of the burden faced by families who experience economic disadvantages, homelessness, or are non-English speaking.

Holiday Wish List - Baby wipes, bibs, socks, panties and briefs (sizes 2T-6T).

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

Literacy Council of Western Arkansas

300 S. 11th Street, PO BOX 423, Fort Smith, AR 72902

479-783-2665, helptoread@lcowa.com; bruce@lcowa.com

Contact: Bruce Singleton, Director or Mary Pearson, Administrative Assistant

Mission: Teach adults basic literacy, English as a second language and citizenship.

Holiday Wish List – Carpet for offices and classroom.

Volunteer Needs – We always need tutors.

Mercy Hospice & Palliative Care

5401 Ellsworth Road, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-314-1150, natalie.turner2@mercy.net

Contact: Natalie Turner, Volunteer Coordinator

Mission: To care for terminally ill patients.

Holiday Wish List – Volunteers

Volunteer Needs – Volunteers to sit with patients and to help in office.

Next Step Day Room

123 North 6th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

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

Contact: Linda Gabriel, Associate Director

Mission: Providing day shelter for those experiencing homelessness, assist in job searches, case management and housing searches, along with separate, permanent supportive housing for men and another for women and children.

Holiday Wish List - Warm hats, gloves and scarves, financial donations to purchase healthy groceries for the Esther Home for women and children.

Volunteer Needs - Purchase, prepare and serve meals to the nearly 75 hungry individuals seeking meals daily, commitment of volunteer clerical assistance on weekly basis.

Ozark Area Youth Organization

720 North 29th Street, PO BOX 388, Ozark, AR 72949
479-667-0585 or 479-209-4747, oayokids@yahoo.com

Contact: Penni Peppas-Burns, Executive Director

Mission: Specializes in recreational and educational activities for the youth (ages 3 –18) of Franklin County.

Holiday Wish List – New computer, any type of sport balls and equipment, rakes, shovels, painting supplies, pre-kindergarten reading and art supplies.

Volunteer Needs – Any person wishing to coach a team, officiate a game or be a pre-kindergarten literacy instructor.

Project Compassion, Inc.

1205 South Albert Pike, Fort Smith, AR 72903
479-783-2273, projectcompassion@sbcglobal.net

Contact: Abbie Taylor-Cox, Executive Director

Mission: A volunteer organization bringing companionship, joy, and quality of life to residents in long term care facilities and retirement centers.

Holiday Wish List - New men's and women's items in all sizes: pajamas, gowns, robes, sweat suits, flannel shirts, socks, house shoes (no scuffs), 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.

River Valley Regional Food Bank

1420 North 32nd Street, PO BOX 4069, Fort Smith, AR 72914
479-785-0582, kkupchick@feedingamerica.org

Contact: Ken Kupchick, Director of Marketing and Development

Mission: Provide grocery products to non-profit hunger relief organizations in the River Valley.

Holiday Wish List - In need of a new warehouse facility in order to obtain more grocery products for member agencies. More funding needed to improve the amount and quality of grocery products obtained and to assist members with expanded ability to handle frozen foods. Need a Lift'N'Weight Scale, Pressure Washer, and a Dock Leveler.

Volunteer Needs - Need volunteers to inspect, sort, and label newly acquired products to ensure suitability for distribution.

The Salvation Army

301 North 6th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901
479-783-6145, captaingargis@gmail.com

Contact: Captain Carlyle & Charlotte Gargis, Pastors, Corps Officer

Mission: Preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and serve suffering humanity in His name.

Holiday Wish List - Unisex toys and canned food.

Volunteer Needs - Sponsor an Angel Tree, Ring the Bell, Angel Tree booth volunteers, distribution of food boxes and gifts, Red Shield Diner volunteers to provide, prepare, and serve evening meals, miscellaneous volunteer work throughout the year..

Sebastian County Drug Court

901 South "B" Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901
479-784-1507, spage@co.sebastian.ar.us

Contact: Shirl J. Page, Coordinator

Mission: To assist and encourage clients in their substance abuse rehabilitation process through constructive and innovative court supervision.

Holiday Wish List - Adult bikes for transportations and Fort Smith Transit bus passes.

Single Parent Scholarship Fund

5401 Rogers Avenue, Suite 204, Fort Smith, AR 72903
PO BOX 8108, Fort Smith, AR 72902
479-434-6171, spsf_ar@yahoo.com

Contact: Linda Kaufenberg, Executive Director

Mission: To provide supplemental financial assistance to single parents who are pursuing a post secondary course of instruction that will improve their income-earning potential.

Holiday Wish List - Office supplies and Christmas gifts for recipients and their families..

Volunteer Needs - Mentors for scholarship recipients and help interviewing scholarship applicants on December 14th and 15th.

South Sebastian County Boys & Girls Club

38 Hester Cut Road, PO BOX 219, Greenwood, AR 72936
479-996-6877, ksundebgc@cox-internet.com

Contact: Kenny Sunde, Executive Director

Mission: To provide youth services to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

Holiday Wish List - PS2 system, PS2 games, DVD player, DVDs, standing floor lamps, folding chairs, and easels.

Stepping Stone School for Exceptional Children, Inc.

1036 Hwy. 64 East, PO BOX 2389, Alma, AR 72921
479-632-3813, twilson@steppingstonearkansas.com

Contact: Toni Wilson, Executive Director

Mission: Serve children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Holiday Wish List - Infant and toddler car seats, baby wipes, small laser jet printers, multi page scanner, CD/cassette players.

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).

UAMS KIDS FIRST

6601 Phoenix Avenue, Suite B, Fort Smith, AR 72903
479-785-9091, smithnormaj@uams.edu or gregoryalanaj@uams.edu

Contact: Norma Smith or Alana Gregory

Mission: A comprehensive early intervention program for infants and young children who are at risk for developmental delays due to medical concerns.

Holiday Wish List - Age-appropriate (ages range from 4 mo. – 5 yrs.) books, puzzles, magna-doodles, Fisher Price toys, riding toys, playground balls, dress-up clothes (for boys and girls), science activities and toys, construction paper, dramatic-play toys (old cell phones, computer key boards, plastic food, etc.), letter stamps, assorted cookie cutters.

Volunteer Needs - Wrap Christmas gifts.

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