




2008
Holiday Giving Guide

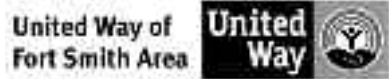
*Volunteering and donation
opportunities in Western Arkansas
and Eastern Oklahoma*

**Brighten someone's life
this holiday season**



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Dear Volunteers and Donors,

In this season of giving, United Way of Fort Smith Area offers you a comprehensive list of ways to help others. Many non-profit organizations are in need of volunteer assistance or financial resources this season.

The 2008 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.

United Way invites you to share these opportunities with groups of co-workers, club members, neighbors, faith community, classrooms, friends, or family to help those in need during the holiday season. Opportunities are numerous to adopt families, to deliver food or help with wrapping gifts or volunteer.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Minton".

Tom Minton
Executive Director

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and the terms and conditions of participation.*

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United Way of Fort Smith Area

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

479-782-1311, nicki.babb@unitedway.org

Contact Nicki Babb, Director of Community Impact Initiative and Marketing

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, childrens book and school supplies.

Volunteer Needs: Paint small retaining wall.

Abilities Unlimited, Inc.

3305 Kibler Road, Van Buren, AR 72956

479-471-5354, aui@ipa.net

Contact William B. Lloyd, Executive Director

Mission: To help individuals recognize their abilities, improve their quality of life and become more productive members of their community.

Holiday Wish List: Watercolor tablets (35), drawing tablets (35), canvases (35), paints & brushes, all types of art supplies, photo paper, heavy duty indoor/outdoor rugs (3' x5'), 4 computers (1 – client, 3 –staff with printer), outdoor furniture, landscaping tools, river rock, black weed cover, lumber for raised beds, potting soil, janitorial supplies, janitorial cart.

Volunteer Needs: Sort donated clothing and miscellaneous items, teach cooking skills, simple art skills, photography, music, and landscaping skills, nurse to perform Special Olympics physicals, doctor to perform program physicals, break-room monitor (Mon-Fri 10:00 – 2:15), someone to teach drums and guitar one-on-one.

The Arc for the River Valley

2414 South 57th Street, Suite 101, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-783-5529, tarv1959@sbcglobal.net

Contact Amber Breazzeal, Executive Director

Mission: To provide recreational and educational opportunities to children and adults with intellectual, physical and developmental disabilities.

Holiday Wish List: Art Supplies, new computers, computer programs and games, fishing poles, toys, office supplies.

Volunteer Needs: Activity help, fundraising assistance and grant writers.

Boardwalk

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

479-783-6695, tbkids2@hotmail.com

Contact Teresa Burton, General Manager

Mission: To provide emergency housing.

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

Volunteer Needs: Make “Welcome Baskets”.

Bost, Inc.

1801 South 74th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72903479-478-5554, jmontgomery@bost.org

Contact: Jeanne Montgomery, Executive Assistant

Mission: To guide lifetime opportunities.

Holiday Wish List: Preschool books (new or gently used), new tricycles, crayons, glue, children's safety scissors, play dough, construction paper (various colors), bulletin boards (large size), children's light blankets for nap time, 2T - 4T coats/jackets for boys and girls, preschool size gloves/mittens for boys and girls, flat-screen computer monitors, newer computers for the clients, a pool table for the rec room, small freezer for the home living classroom, dishwasher that would clean the dishes and dry the glasses, mirrors in the bathroom replaced, paint for men's bathrooms

Volunteer Needs: Several volunteers

Boys & Girls Club of the Alma Area, Inc.

410 East Main, P. O. Box 1689, Alma, AR 72921

479-632-2070, zdean@almabgc.org

Contact Zach Dean, Chief Professional Officer

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: Van, bus, soccer fields & equipment, lawn equipment.

Volunteer Needs: Art volunteer, technology volunteer, young children volunteer.

Boys & Girls Club of Paris

717 North 5th Street, P. O. Box 227, Paris, AR 72855

479-963-3577, rdelso@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, PS3 games, pool sticks, 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

113 North Elm (Club), P. O. Box 1028, Sallisaw, OK 74955

918-775-4659, bgcseq@msn.com

Contact Debi Bair, Chief Professional Officer

Mission: To provide a positive place for kids with emphasis on their well being and strengthening the family unit.

Holiday Wish List: A new building, commercial refrigerators, bus or passenger van, electronic games, board games.

Volunteer Needs: More general volunteers needed.

Boys & Girls Club of South Logan County

751 North Kennedy, P. O. Box 545, Booneville, AR 72929

479-675-2764, rscottbgclsc@cei.net

Contact Rick Scott, Executive Director

Mission: To provide opportunities for the young people we serve to develop positive values and life skills through a variety of programs and activities associated with health, physical education, educational enhancement, the arts and social recreation.

Holiday Wish List: (3) large room air cleaners for the game room, computer room and learning center, a refurbished small electric buffer/scrubber for our tile floors, a commercial vacuum cleaner, art room equip.

Boys & Girls Club of Van Buren

1400 City Park Road, P. O. Box 443, Van Buren, AR 72956

479-474-9401, jinness2@cox.net

Contact Jeff Inness, Chief Professional Officer

Mission: To develop and enhance life skills in the youth of our city in a positive place of their own, to inspire and realize their dreams.

Holiday Wish List: Portable tables and chairs, office supplies including pens, copy paper and note pads, office furniture including desks, chairs, and file cabinets.

Boy Scouts (Westark Area Council)

1401 Old Greenwood Road, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-7244, westark@bsamail.org

Contact Bryan Feather, Scout Executive, Chief Executive Officer

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

Holiday Wish List: 15 passenger van, 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, large flat panel TV with DVD player, cleaning supplies.

Volunteer Needs: Large tree removal services and electrical services at the office.

The Boys’ Shelter

5904 South Zero Street, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-646-2819, boyshelter@cox.net

Contact Steve Pereira, Executive Director

Mission: To help boys between the ages of 13 –18 years old to adjust to life’s responsibilities.

Holiday Wish List: Movie gift certificates, gift certificates for Go Cart rides at Ben Geren, socks (no show type), boxers (all sizes), dish towels and dish clothes, bath towels and wash cloths, twin size sheet sets, twin size blankets, bed pillows, body wash/shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shaving creme and disposable razors, weed eater, push mower, vacuum cleaner, yard rakes and push brooms.

CASA of the Tri-Peaks Area, Inc.

Booneville Courthouse #21, 366 North Broadway, Booneville, AR 72927

479-675-2641, casatripeaks15@centurytell.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: Office computer, high-capacity multi-function copier, ink cartridge for Hewlett Packard 6210, office supplies, small gift items, toys, books for children ranging in age from birth to 18, financial contributions to cover fuel cost for volunteers, PDAs or laptops.

Volunteer Needs: Child advocates needed for Conway, Logan, Scott and Yell Counties.

Community Dental Clinic

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

479-782-6021, nperry@csdcclca.org

Contact Nanya Perry, Director

Mission: To provide basic dental care to the homeless, indigent and the poor of Sebastian and Crawford County area.

Holiday Wish List: Happy meal toys for children's dental bags, basic office cleaning supplies, toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss.

Volunteer Needs: Dentists, hygienists, assistants and general office volunteers.

Community Services Clearinghouse

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

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

Contact Sue Robison, Community Relations

Mission: To provide basic human assistance services (food, medication, rent, utilities, casework, referral information) to those in need.

Holiday Wish List: Small toys to fit into a backpack to be distributed to our "Meals For Kids" students in public schools including hand-held games, journals, play jewelry, dolls or other items appropriate for children aged six to fourteen.

Volunteer Needs: Volunteers to work the emergency food pantry and to organize the food and toy drives for the holidays.

Comprehensive Juvenile Services, Inc.

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

479-785-4031, Toll-free: 1-800-499-5715, cjsdevelopment@sbcglobal.net

Contact Debra W. Rieske, Director of Development

Mission: To provide direct and subcontract services to delinquent, homeless/runaway at-risk youth in seven counties in Western Arkansas.

Holiday Wish List: Entertainment items including PG movies, card games, puzzles, board games, basketballs, footballs, volleyballs, crochet hooks, knitting needles, frames for making scarves and hats, craft items, journals, art supplies, exercise equipment, radio/CD player, TV/VCR, furniture, pillows, blankets, backpacks, socks, underwear (boxers, bras, panties), hygiene items, sweatshirts and sweatpants (mainly Adult size L and XL).

Crisis Center for Women

500 Lexington Avenue, Suite A, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-1821, lgrovenburg@crisiscenterforwomen.org

Contact Linda Grovenburg, Assistant Director

Mission: To 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: Women's underwear (sizes 5 – 8), household items including pots, pans, kitchen utensils, silverware, comforters, pillows, feminine products, diapers, baby supplies, paper products including paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, trash bags, phone cards for clients, office supplies, HP Color Laser Jet Toner 26000 A Black 1600-2600-2605, HP Color Laser Jet Toner P33 – T62 0904416, HP Color Laser Jet toner 26002 A Yellow Series 2600, HP color Laser Jet toner P33 – T62 0904392.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

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

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

Contact Megan Marquet, Imagination Library Director

Mission: To ensure children enter kindergarten ready to learn by building their libraries and vocabularies.

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 his/her fifth birthday).

Donald W. Reynolds Cancer Support House

3324 South M Street, Fort Smith, AR 72903

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

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

Mission: 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: Assist with wrapping Christmas gifts for our current families.

Fort Smith Adult Education Center

501 S 20th St, Fort Smith, AR 72901, 479-785-1232

Contact Gary Udouj, Jr., Director

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

Holiday Wish List: Microwave oven, couch for student lounge, 2 white boards, 2 Epson 83c Projectors, 25 – 50 reams of copy paper, toner for copiers, printer cartridges.

Volunteer Needs: Volunteers are needed to read to children.

Fort Smith Art Center

423 North Sixth Street , Fort Smith , AR 72901

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

Contact: Katherine Applegate, Office Manager

Mission: To make the arts accessible to all in our community through our exhibits, gift gallery, and educational programs.

Holiday Wish List: \$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), additional computer system.

Volunteer Needs: Ongoing office help (answering phone, labeling postcards, etc.), help with refreshments at the Children's Christmas Card Competition awards (Sunday, Dec. 7th, 1-4 p.m.), help hosting monthly exhibit openings in 2009, on first Thursday evenings, light cleaning and dusting of gift gallery/center.

Fort Smith Boys & Girls Clubs (Stephens, Jeffreys, Goldtrap-Gardner, Evans)

4905 North O Street, Fort Smith, AR 72904

479-782-7093, JGlidewell@FSBGC.org

Contact Jerry Glidewell, Executive Director

Mission: To make a positive difference in our community, one child at a time.

Holiday Wish List: Christmas gifts for less fortunate members (boys and girls ages 6 – 14), DVD movies rated G or PG, video games, Playstation, X-Box, arts and crafts supplies, sporting goods, 15 passenger van for after school transportation.

Volunteer Needs: Mentors are needed for the Lean on Me Mentoring Program – one hour per week after school. Contact Kari Fenby at 522-1712 or KFenby@FSBGC.org, Lean on Me Christmas party volunteers, basketball coaches (December – March) and baseball coaches (April – June), contact Chris Reeder at 452-5779 or CReeder@FSBGC.org, sponsors for basketball, baseball and soccer, after-school tutors.

Fort Smith Children’s Emergency Shelter

3015 South 14th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-783-0018, clayroper@sbcglobal.net

Contact: Clay Roper, Executive Director

Mission: To serve area children ages 6 - 17 with emergency short-term housing or a temporary placement for children in DHS custody whose placement has been disrupted.

Holiday Wish List: Store gift cards, new clothing for teens and grade school kids, personal CD players with headphones, music CDs, batteries (AA, AAA, C, D), video games for PS2/Xbox/Gamecube, perfume/cologne, journals, winter & spring jackets, body lotions/body spray, art sets, match box cars, hand-held electronic games, watches & wallets, sport ball caps, costume jewelry, games for all ages, remote control cars, belts, purses, small picture frames, teen magazines, makeup bags, playing cards, makeup brushes, pajamas/robes/slippers/cosmetics for teenage girls, hair brushes & accessories, boxer shorts, white socks, craft kits, long-distance calling cards, financial contribution to help support the daily needs of a child.

Fort Smith Christian Women’s Job Corps

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

479-353-7001, fscwj@yahoo.com

Contact: Glenda Harris or Valerie Fitch

Mission: To help women move from dependency to self-sufficiency.

Holiday Wish List: Adopt families for Christmas, mentors, volunteers, donations and corporate sponsors, office equipment.

Fort Smith Public Library

3201 Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-783-0229, jgoodson@fortsmithlibrary.org

Contact: Jennifer Goodson, Director

Mission: To 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 books, \$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, Fort Smith, AR 72904

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

Contact Jeanne Carroll, Homeless Liaison

Mission: To ensure that the rights of homeless students are correctly implemented and provided additional services to these students such as school supplies and hygiene products.

Holiday Wish List: Backpacks, school supplies, hygiene products and educational games.

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

Fountain of Youth Adult Day Care Center

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

479-484-7782, info@foyaduldaycare.org

Contact Lori Williams, Executive Director

Mission: To 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: Christmas gifts (please call for ideas), gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, seasonal decorations, gift wrapping supplies, arts and crafts supplies, outdoor activities and games, small prizes for BINGO, easy puzzles, books, G-rated comedy DVDs (30 minutes or less), books on CD, remote control cars, personal CD players with headsets, batteries sizes AAA – C, paper goods, plastic storage bins, office supplies, copy paper, adult size bibs, hair dressing supplies for beauty salon, commercial microwave, 15 passenger van – handicapped ready, monetary gifts to be used in the Capital Campaign for a new facility.

Volunteer Needs: Help with Christmas decorating, wrapping and client/caregiver party, help in beauty shop with shampooing, manicures, one-on-one reading, facility maintenance including painting, small repairs, moving furniture, musical, dance and drama groups always welcome.

Gateway House

3900 Armour Ave., Fort Smith, AR 72904

479-783-8849, ahudson@gatewayhouseinc.org

Contact Anita Hudson Meadows, Executive Director

Mission: To provide 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 Fort Smith

1415 Old Greenwood Road, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-0375, mmckinney@girlsincfortsmith.org

Contact Monica McKinney, Executive Director

Mission: To provide a safe environment with educational and recreational programs that inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold.

Holiday Wish List: Age appropriate books for the library, arts and crafts supplies, cooking supplies and utensils, Wii Fit program for a Wii game system, basketballs (28.5), volleyballs (volley lite), jump ropes, parachute, computer chairs, digital cameras, usb flashdrive memory sticks, markers, rolls of paper, girl related gifts for Christmas presents (approximately 100) and educational computer programs and video games.

Volunteer Needs: Scorekeepers for volleyball and basketball games, afternoon volunteers to lead special class (call for details), basketball coaches, homework helpers and tutors.

“What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other” – George Elliot

Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas

5705 Gordon Lane, P. O. Box 3267, Fort Smith, AR 72913

479-452-1290, 1-800-848-9662, marianc@girlscoutsdiamonds.org

Contact Marion Conrad, Regional Manager

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

Holiday Wish List: 24 new smoke detectors, birdseed for bird feeding area the nature center, 500 – 6 ft. metal T-posts to repair fence at Camp Cahinnio, animal skulls or bones for nature Center hands on displays, golf cart for camp, crusher dust to resurface parts of the ADA trail at Burnham Woods.

Volunteer List: Volunteers to refinish the wood floor in the Ellyn Schleiffarth “Troop House”, troop leaders, adult volunteers for 2 hours each month at various schools to assist with in-school and after-school scouting.

Girls Shelter of Fort Smith, Inc.

2600 Raleigh, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-646-0444, girlsshelter2600@yahoo.com

Contact Jama Kaye Watkins, Director of Social Services

Mission: We strive to instill a sense of self worth and personal responsibility while teaching educational, social and independent living skills.

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, weekend bags to transport their belongs from Girls Shelter to home, hot irons, hair dryers.

Golden Rule Clothes Closet

212 North 3rd Street (location), 1903 Hendricks Blvd. (mailing), Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-783-8150, clydechaney@sbcglobal.net

Contact Clyde and Betty Chaney, Directors

Mission: To provide free clothing and household goods for underemployed, low income, indigent residents of Fort Smith and surrounding communities as well as victims of natural disasters.

Holiday Wish List: Food for gift food baskets including turkeys and hams, other non-perishable food items, toys and gifts for teenagers, batteries including especially AA, AAA 9V some D and C.

Volunteer Needs: Volunteers to wrap the children’s gifts.

Good Samaritan Clinic

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

479-783-0233, info@goodsamaritanclinic.net

Contact Brenda Hook, Clinic Manager

Mission: To 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, address thank you notes and holiday acknowledgments, stuff envelopes, etc.

Habitat for Humanity

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

479-782-8255, avhfh@mynewroads.com

Contact Jay Poppe, Executive Director

Mission: To 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, Fort Smith, AR 72914

479-785-4083, harborhousefs@hotmail.com

Mission: To provide quality substance abuse treatment and prevention services to our community.

Holiday Wish List: Shampoo, tooth brushes, deodorant, foot powder, blankets, twin size linens, pillows, spiral notebooks, plastic plates, silverware, plastic glasses, office supplies, chairs, power point projector, AA & NA text, recovery books, large white board, network system.

Volunteer Needs: Volunteer needed to upgrade website.

Heart to Heart Pregnancy Support Center, Inc.

216 N Greenwood Avenue, # A, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-452-2260, hearttoheart@mynewroads.com

Contact Theresa K. Reeves, Executive Director

Mission: To provide Christian pregnancy related support for men and women.

Holiday Wish List: Diapers (size 3, 4 and 5) all brands of formula, baby wipes, bottles, baby care products, maternity and toddler clothes, copy paper and cleaning products.

Volunteer Needs: Client advocates, client intake specialist, maternity and baby closet coordinator, men's ministry leader.

Lincoln Childcare Center

1415 North 9th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-4997, lincolnchild1@aol.com

Contact Alexandra Altiner, Executive Director

Mission: To offer affordable childcare and free preschool programs for low-income families.

Holiday Wish List: Baby wipes, pull-ups (size 4-5), Kleenex.

Volunteer Needs: Volunteers to read to the children, volunteer for the infant and toddler room.

Literacy Council of Western Arkansas, Inc.

300 South 11th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72902

479-783-2665, helptoread@sbcglobal.net

Contact Bruce Singleton, Director and Mary Pearson, Administrative Assistant

Mission: To enable adults and older youth to acquire or improve their basic reading, writing and math skills.

Holiday Wish List: Weed trimmer, lawn mower, easels and white board.

Volunteer Needs: Tutors.

Mercy Hospice & Palliative Care

5401 Ellsworth Rd, Fort Smith, AR 72903
479-314-1150, Diane.Kitchen@Mercy.Net
Contact Diane Kitchen, Volunteer Coordinator

Description of Agency: To care for terminally ill patients.

Holiday Wish List: Items to put in gift bags at Christmas time - ornaments, socks, candy, calendars, fruit, cookies, handmade items, decorated hand towels, soap, lotion, Kleenex, pens, notepads, small books etc.

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, Assistant Executive Director

Mission: To seek 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.

Ozark Area Youth Organization

P. O. Box 388, Ozark, AR 72949
479-667-3368, oayo@centurytel.net
Contact Penni Burns, Executive Director

Mission: To provide recreational programs for all area youth ages 4 – 18, without regard to mental or physical abilities, in order to produce healthier, happier, well-adjusted citizens.

Holiday Wish List: Color copier, laptop computer.

Volunteer Needs: Volunteers to be coaches and mentors.

Project Compassion

1205 S. Albert Pike, P.O. Box 3489, Fort Smith, AR 72914
479-783-2273, projectcompassion@sbcglobal.net

Mission: To provide joy, companionship, and quality of life to residents in nursing homes.

Holiday Wish List: Ladies - gowns (size small to 4X), house slippers, robes, cologne, puzzles, playing cards, new bibles, sweaters, socks, sweat suits and Men - sleeping trousers, sweat suits, house shoes, hats and scarves, crossword puzzles, dominos, pajamas, blankets, men's cologne, socks.

River Valley Regional Food Bank

1420 North 32nd Street, P. O. Box 4069, Fort Smith, AR 72914-4069
479-785-0582, telemons@cscdca.org
Contact Ted Clemons, Agency/Donor Relations

Mission: To solicit, store and distribute food and other products through a network of private not-for-profit organizations and to provide services through a variety of programs to feed and assist those in need in the River Valley, and to raise public awareness about hunger and the role of food banking to alleviate hunger.

Holiday Wish list: Food items such as turkeys, hams, canned vegetables, copy paper, 3-4 K forklift (electric), 30,000 square foot warehouse on a long term, inexpensive lease.

Volunteer Needs: Volunteers needed to work through the holiday season sorting food and non-food items, labeling cans.

The Salvation Army

301 North 6th Street, P. O. Box 292, Fort Smith, AR 72902

479-783-6145, jeremy-aird@uss.salvationarmy.org

Contact Jeremy Aird, Christmas Coordinator

Mission: To provide temporary and emergency relief to the community when needed.

Holiday Wish List: Sheets, blankets, pillows, hygiene, canned goods, toys for children under 12, coats, food items including turkeys and hams.

Volunteer Needs: Volunteers for the angel tree, kettle workers, distribution.

Sebastian County Drug Court

35 South 6th Street, Room 101, 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.

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

Sebastian Retired Citizens Association (SRCA)

2700 Cavanaugh Road, P. O. Box 181030, Fort Smith, AR 72918

479-648-9970, sreal@sebastian.kscoxmail.com

Contact Darlene Grandstaff, Executive Director

Mission: Serving the elderly with centers for meals and socialization since 1975.

Holiday Wish List: Bingo prizes, treats for the home-bound to give on holidays and special occasions, movies to show at the centers, exercise tapes for our classes, Christmas lights, all occasion cards, decorations for any holiday.

Volunteer Needs: Instructors for computer classes, volunteer for reception desk, work with library books at the Fort Smith Center, deliver Meals on Wheels (short route – 10 stops) in Greenwood, Mansfield, Hartford, Lavaca, Barling (4 centers in Fort Smith), Midtown, Baker, Beckman and the Fort Smith Senior Activity Center.

Single Parent Scholarship Fund

5401 Rogers Avenue, Suite 204, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-434-6171, christy@spsf.arcoxmail.com

Contact Christy Williams, Executive Director

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

Holiday Wish List: Office supplies including copy paper, staples, paper clips, pens, paper shredder, office furniture, file cabinet.

Volunteer Needs: Help with interviewing scholarship applicants, general office help.

South Sebastian County Boys and Girls Club

38 Hester Cut Road, P.O. 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: Bean bags, youthful floor rugs, Playstation 2 game system, VCR, standing floor lamps, folding chairs, easels.

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

Mission: To serve children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Holiday Wish List: Board books for young children, construction paper, duplicator printer for educational and art projects, CPR manikins - infant and adult, writable CD's, infant and toddler car seats, baby wipes, 6 x 9 foot carpets and local match for new van.

Volunteer Needs: Assist with answering phone and greeting visitors, help with our Valentine Fundraiser - February 11-13 (assembling & delivering approximately 1,000 candy & balloon bouquets), sew sheets for nap mats.

UAMS KIDS FIRST

6601 Phoenix Avenue, Suite B, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-785-909, 1tylerkarens@uams.edu or gregoryalanaj@uams.edu

Contact: Karen Tyler, Director or Alana Gregory, Administrative Assistant

Mission: To provide a non-profit pediatric health care clinic for children 0-5 who have a medical diagnosis.

Holiday Wish List: Christmas presents for our 80 enrolled children (especially children's books), wash cloths, bibs, art supplies for children 0-5 years, crayons, washable markers, musical toys, dress-up clothes for boys and girls, toys for classrooms (math, science or culture awareness toys).

Volunteer Needs: Classroom or office volunteers, assist in wrapping Christmas presents.

We Care Foundation

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

479-782-8822, wecarefound@yahoo.com

Contact Maureen Didion, Executive Director

Mission: To improve and enrich the lives of children, ages 3 - 19, with cancer, hemophilia, sickle cell anemia and AIDS.

Holiday Wish List: Coloring books, crayons, puzzle book, colored pencils, sticker books, one size fits all gloves, office supplies including copy paper (white and bright colors), envelopes (business size, 6 x 9 and 9 x 12 manila), post it notes, thinking of you cards.

Volunteer Needs: Volunteers for special events and office assistance.

Westark RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) Community Outreach

401 North 13th street, Fort Smith, AR 72913

479-783-4155, rsvp@ipa.net

Contact Susie Reehl, Program Director

Mission: To provide free income tax preparation and filing assistance to seniors and families with modest incomes and to aid Medicare recipients in applying for programs that increase their income and reduces the cost of prescription medications.

Holiday Wish List: Monetary gifts to provide stipends to our volunteers who travel to provide assistance to those who are homebound, rural and/or disabled.

Volunteer Needs: Adults 55 years of age or older – we place volunteers with over 100 community organizations.



**United Way of
Fort Smith Area**

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Fort Smith, AR 72902-2300

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Mission

To improve lives by connecting people and resources
in our six-county area

Vision

To be a community problem solver
for our six-county area