

2015 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,

As we all prepare for a wonderful holiday season with our friends and families, there are many in our community that are in need. Our partner agencies work diligently day in and day out to help so many in the areas of health, income, and education. You may be one of the many people that are looking for additional ways to help and simply don't know where to begin. If you are looking for ways to contribute by volunteering your time or making a donation, the 2015 Holiday Giving Guide will make it easier for you to help others while GIVING LOCALLY. Within the 2015 Holiday Giving Guide, activities and needs are arranged alphabetically by agency name. Each specific need is clearly identified. When you find an opportunity that interests you, simply call the agency to find out more information. Opportunities fill up quickly so be sure and call as soon as you can when you find an area of need that interests you.

This is the ninth year of the publication of the Holiday Giving Guide, and we hope you will share it with your friends, co-workers, neighbors, church members, and family members, encouraging them to get involved. Thank you for your generosity of time and resources to help make our community the most caring place to live, and thank you for choosing to GIVE LOCAL.

Yours in Service,



Eddie Lee Herndon, President
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Tips for using the 2015 Holiday Giving Guide

- Use the index on page 3 to quickly find categories of an agency's wish list and volunteer needs.
- Form a group of friends or co-workers to "adopt" a family or an individual.
- Take up a collection to purchase gift certificates or vouchers.
- Start a collection drive at your place of employment for co-workers and/or customers. List items needed or items to be collected.
- Look for a volunteer opportunity for the whole family, like sorting or delivering food baskets.

If you want to share the **2015 Holiday Giving Guide** with others, you may copy any portion of it.

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Abilities Unlimited, Inc.

3305 Kibler Road, Van Buren, AR 72956

479-471-5354, bloyd@auivb.org

Contact: William Loyd, Executive Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Tables and chairs for Day Program break room and training rooms, new baler for paper recycling, commercial paper shredder, and new parking lot for Kibler Road.

Volunteer Needs- Sort donated clothing and misc. items for resale stores.

The Arc for the River Valley

2414 South 56th Street, Suite 107, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-783-5529, arcrivervalley@gmail.com

Contact: Deborah Goad, Executive Director

Mission: Provides advocacy, education, and recreation for those living with intellectual, physical, and developmental disabilities.

Holiday Wish List– Donated land or building for a larger facility, public venues to display member artwork, art supplies, frames for displaying paintings, Wii or Xbox 360 games, computer games, educational books, computer upgrades, additional furniture for the social living room, kitchen area upgrade, new tables and chairs for computer lab, and office supplies.

Volunteer Needs- Support for parties and dances, computer savvy volunteers to help disabled clients with computer questions, art instructors for Tuesdays and/or Fridays, volunteers for light clerical work at front desk, volunteers for support at special events.

Boys & Girls Club of the Alma Area

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

479-632-2070, elainabgca@gmail.com

Contact: Elaine Damante, Executive Director

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– Newer computers for the technology center, couches or chairs for the teen room, outside playground equipment, microscopes and basic lab equipment, and a volleyball net.

Boys & Girls Club of Paris

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

479-963-3577, jbjarski@parisbgc.org

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– New or repaired roof for club building, weather-proofing exhaust fans and windows, air conditioning for gymnasium, additional property for parking, new batting cage for little league program, pool tables, ping pong table, air hockey and foosball game, gym floor needs refinishing, new van for team transportation, upgrade shelves in art studio and library, upgrade boxing ring and athletic equipment, and establish tennis and wrestling programs.

Volunteer Needs- After school activities including craft projects with the kids, tutoring, mentoring, and supervision of activities.

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

Holiday Wish List– 15 passenger van and document shredder.

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

Holiday Wish List– Portable marker board for the learning center, portable marker board for the teen center, digital camera for the teen center and for the main club, adult size bean bag chairs for the teen center, portable score boards for soccer games, 8 sets of headphones for teen center computer lab, bass guitar and amp, commercial microwave oven for main center and teen center, portable P.A. system for special events, electronics and craft hobby kits.

Volunteer Needs- Art, photography, science, and teen tutoring programs.

Boys & Girls Club of Van Buren

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

479-474-9401, cfaldon@cox.net, www.bgcofvb.org

Contact: Cindy Faldon, CPO

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

Holiday Wish List– Conference table and chairs, school supplies, cleaning supplies, items for Club Buck Store, and board games/puzzles.

Volunteer Needs– Help needed to serve evening meals and snacks to afterschool participants.

Boy Scouts (Westark Area Council)

1401 Old Greenwood Road, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-7244, bryan.feather@scouting.org, www.westarkbsa.org

Contact: Bryan Feather, Scout and Chief Executive Officer

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

Holiday Wish List– 35 hp tractor, 5 rowboats, and 10 small sailboats.

Children's Emergency Shelter

3015 South 14th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-783-0018, Jackmoffett@fscs.org, Ashleyahlert@fscs.org

Contact: Jack Moffett, Executive Director

Mission: We are a temporary emergency shelter that houses children (ages 6-17) who have been removed from the custody of their guardian(s) by child welfare authorities.

Holiday Wish List- Gift cards, new clothing and shoes (sizes for kids ages 6-17), Wii and Xbox 360 games, Xbox One and games, popular music CD's, mp3 players, makeup, twin size bedding, and canned goods/non-perishable food items.

Volunteer Needs- Organizing fund raising functions, group facility and grounds projects.

Community Dental Clinic

3428 Armour St, PO BOX 4069, Fort Smith, AR 72914

479-782-6021, kturner@cscdcca.org

Contact: Kim Turner, Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss, more forceps and dental supplies for dentists, toys for tooth fairy bags, and new office equipment.

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

Community Services Clearinghouse

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

479-782-5074, rick.foti@csclearinghouse.org, bob.curd@csclearinghouse.org

Contact: Rick Foti or Bob Curd

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

Holiday Wish List– Upgraded phone system, freezer mats, fork lift.

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, Justice@jpa.net, www.cjsinc.org
Contact: Janice Justice, Assistant Director

Mission: Redirecting the lives of youth and families of Western Arkansas.

Holiday Wish List- Sweat pants and shirts, toiletries, art supplies, board games, Wii games for teens, school supplies, gift cards, tickets for cultural events, recreational equipment, and twin size mattresses.

Volunteer Needs- Adult mentors to volunteer to spend a few hours a week with teenage youth.

Crawford County Senior Citizen Center.

248 E Collum Lane Alma, AR 72921
479-632-3535, almaseniorcenter@hotmail.com
Contact: Elaine Walker

Mission: Redirecting the lives of youth and families of Western Arkansas.

Holiday Wish List- Continue to feed all the senior citizens in Crawford County that need a good nutritious meal and other services, to have food donated, and reliable vehicles to run routes.

Crisis Intervention Center

5603 South 14th St, Fort Smith, AR 72901
479-782-1821, Kathleen@fscic.org, www.FSCIC.org
Contact: Kathleen Cates, 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- Toilet paper, paper towels, diapers and pull ups (2T, 3T, and 4T), baby wipes, trash bags, laundry soap, food preparation gloves, copy paper, cleaning supplies, food preparation gloves, light bulbs, hair care products, canned goods and other non perishable food items, fuel cards for clients, children's socks, shoes, and underwear, children's clothes (infants, 2T, 3T, 4T, and 5T), kitchen food storage containers, floor mops and brooms, laundry baskets, kitchen towels, and bath towels.

Volunteer Needs- Mentors to support efforts of victims, sort donated clothes and misc. items for resale store, teach adult and teen clients jewelry making, art, job skills, social skills, cooking, budgeting, general cleaning, lawn care, and light office work.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

320 South 18th Street, PO BOX 2300, Fort Smith, AR 72902
479-782-1311, cterry@unitedwayfortsmith.org
Contact: Carrie Terry, 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 S M St, Fort Smith, AR 72903
479-782-6302, Amy@Reynoldscancersupporhouse.org
Contact: Amy Willadsen, Development Specialist

Mission: We provide local cancer patients access to emotional support groups, items for hair loss from cancer treatment, financial assistance and transportation assistance.

Holiday Wish List- Gift cards, printer paper, paper/plastic products, Ziploc style bags and containers, office supplies, medical equipment, light bulbs, large plastic storage boxes, hospitality items, activity books, birthday or thank you cards, nutrition drinks (Boost, Ensure, Carnation, etc.) and bed pads.

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: We provide adult education and childcare to adults and their children in Sebastian County.

Holiday Wish List- Crepe myrtle shrubs, trees that will not grow over 15 feet tall, finely shredded mulch to make pathways, raised planter box 2' x 6' x 21" tall, exterior locking storage cabinet, bagged sterile garden soil for the planter box, assorted (child sized) gardening tools and buckets, large wind chimes (wooden or bamboo).

Volunteer Needs- Math tutors for adults.

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.

Locations: Goldtrap Unit-8800 S. Dallas Fort Smith, AR 72903 479-452-4779
Jeffrey Unit-4905 North O Street Fort Smith, AR 72904 479-782-8016
Evans Unit-6015 Boys Club Lane Fort Smith, AR 72908 479-646-9519
Stephens Unit-3101 N. 6th Street Fort Smith, AR 72904 479-782-6392

Holiday Wish List- New telephones, metal folding chairs, concession equipment, additional security cameras at each unit, lawn mower, weed-eaters, office equipment and supplies, baseball equipment, 6' and 8' folding tables, work shop shelving and racks, arts and crafts supplies, new football pants and pads (black), lighted outdoor marquee for Evans, PA systems for Hunts Park and Goldtrap, foosball tables, pool table for Jeffrey Unit, tools for workshop, time clocks and cards for all units, upgrade server systems, silent auction gift items, and fencing at Hunts Park.

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: Provides educational support for students experiencing homelessness.

Holiday Wish List- Backpacks, school supplies, hygiene products, educational games, 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, sbiggs@fortsmithschools.org
Contact: Sarah Biggs, 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@foyadultdaycare.org
Contact: Trish Jennings, Executive Director

Mission: To provide quality care to dependent adults ages 18 and older.

Holiday Wish List- Individual snack items for bingo prizes, non-perishable food items far from expiration date, general office supplies, copy paper, paper towels, napkins, sandwich bags, foil, plastic wrap, paper plates and cups, arts and crafts, baby wipes, laundry detergent, \$1 bingo prizes, 8 in 1 game table.

Volunteer Needs- Any and all, artists, musicians.

Gateway House

3900 Armour Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72904
479-783-8849, cstokes@gatewayhouseinc.org
Contact: Cindy Stokes, Director

Mission: To provide the highest quality drug and alcohol treatment and prevention services to the residents of our community.

Holiday Wish List– Twin size bed linens (sheets and comforters) warm clothing, under garments, gloves, toys for the children in our Specialized Women’s Services program, special food treats, passes for events, and movies.

Volunteer Needs- Yard work, painting, landscaping.

Girls Incorporated of Fort Smith

1415 Old Greenwood Road, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-0622, adaniels@girlsincfortsmith.org

Contact: Amanda Daniels, Executive Director

Mission: Girls incorporated inspires all young women to become strong, smart, and bold.

Holiday Wish List– Playground equipment, mini laptops and charging station, privacy fence, office supplies, cooking supplies and utensils, arts and craft supplies, sports equipment, new van, new concession garage door, updated movies and video games, lawn mower and weed eater.

Girl Scouts - Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas

5705 Gordon Lane, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-452-1290, klonberger@girlscoutsdiamonds.org, www.girlscoutsdiamonds.org

Contact: Kate Lonberger, Development Officer

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

Holiday Wish List– Archery supplies, commercial lawn mower, golf cart, bus to transport girls to camp who cannot afford the transportation costs, computers to create a computer lab, new office chairs, wheeled crate for moving program supplies, 9.450—6’T posts to define camp boundary, shop tools, backpacking packs, bike helmets, 6-8 foot gated trailer for moving small equipment, soaker hoses for flower beds, folding chairs, and new flooring in restrooms.

Volunteer Needs- Adult volunteers for 2 hours each month at various schools to assist with in-school and after-school scouting, troop leaders.

Girls Shelter of Fort Smith, Inc.

2600 Raleigh, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-646-0444, marydale@girlsshelterfs.org

Contact: Mary Dale Colvett, Executive Director

Mission: Long term residential care in a homelike setting for girls 13-17 with the goal of reuniting with family.

Holiday Wish List– Patio table and 9 chairs, 2 16x19 bound carpet remnants in beige or light brown, tankless water heaters, geothermal system, shelves for storage, 5 makeup tables, tickets to cultural events, and 12 passenger van.

Volunteer Needs- Help with fundraising events.

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 household items to anyone in need.

Holiday Wish List– Lap top computer, computer program to keep track of clients, a new “old” truck.

Good Samaritan Clinic

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

479-783-0233, evan@goodsamaritanclinic.net

Contact: Evan Breedlove, Executive Director

Mission: We provide primary medical care services for the uninsured and underserved population.

Holiday Wish List- Copy Paper, stamps, paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, hand soap, coffee and monetary donations for lab testing, medications, and medical supplies.

Volunteer Needs– Help with clerical duties and special projects and physicians.

Habitat for Humanity

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

479-782-8255, volunteer@habitatfs.org

Contact: Jaime Hebert, Volunteer Coordinator

Mission: Eliminate poverty housing.

Volunteer Needs- Work at the Annual Gift Wrap Center at Central Mall. Volunteers are needed everyday from December 1-December 24. Available shifts are 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 2 p.m.-6 p.m., and 6 p.m.-10 p.m. 6 volunteers per shift.

Harbor House, Inc.

615 North 19th Street, PO BOX 4207, Fort Smith, AR 72914
479-785-4083, jwooding@recoveryhhi.org

Contact: Jimmie Wooding, Executive Director

Mission: To provide the highest quality drug and alcohol treatment and prevention services to the residents of our community.

Holiday Wish List- Twin bed linens, towels and bathroom linens, bath toys for children, shower shoes for males and females, mops and mop heads, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, diapers, mulch for play ground, landscaping, batteries, baby bottles and sippy cups, phone cards, non alcohol based hand sanitizer, tissues, disposable gloves, commercial walk-in cooler/freezer, outdoor play equipment, and new dining table and chairs.

Heart to Heart Pregnancy Support Center

417 South 16th, Fort Smith, AR 72901
479-452-2260, hearttoheart@mynewroads.com

Contact: Theresa Reeves, Executive Director

Mission: Provide free services on a one to one basis to women and men concerned about pregnancy, including pregnancy testing, parenting, counseling, medical, housing, and adoption referrals, food, and baby items as needed.

Holiday Wish List- Diapers-all sizes (especially sizes 3, 4 and 5), formula, baby wipes, bottled water, coffee, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, snacks, and copy paper.

Volunteer Needs- Parenting Instructor to teach Earn While You Learn Parenting Curriculum.

Lincoln Childcare Center

1415 North 9th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901
479-782-4997, lincolnchild2@aol.com

Contact: Deborah Dow, Executive Director

Mission: To offer affordable childcare in a loving, safe, and healthy environment.

Holiday Wish List- Pull up sizes 3T/4T/5T, boys and girls underwear and clothing size 0-5T, baby wipes, multi cultural books, wash cloths, age appropriate books, latex gloves, serving gloves, bibs, cot sheets, bleach, dish soap, antibacterial soap, jackets sizes months to 6T, large crayons, copy paper, art sensory supply, carpet cleaning services, and kids size balls.

Literacy Council of Western Arkansas

300 S. 11th Street, PO BOX 423, Fort Smith, AR 72902
479-783-2665, helptoread@sbcglobal.net

Contact: Mary Pearson, Director

Mission: To enable adults to acquire and improve their basic reading, writing, and math skills which will enhance their self image in order to participate more fully in society..

Holiday Wish List- 6 to 8 folding tables, chairs, four shelf bookshelves, books for on-going book sale, office supplies.

Volunteer Needs- Volunteer tutors.

Next Step Homeless Services

123 North 6th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901
479-782-5433, amy@nextstepdayroom.org

Contact: Amy Sherill, Executive Director

Mission: Seeking solutions to homelessness through individual case management with direction toward self sufficiency.

Holiday Wish List- New computers with updated Microsoft Office Software and new awning/canopy with the logo to replace the torn one outside of the agency.

Volunteer Needs- Someone to help serve lunch, someone to teach a budgeting class, someone to teach a social skills class.

Ozark Area Youth Organization

720 North 29th Street, PO BOX 388, Ozark, AR 72949
479-667-0585 oayokids@yahoo.com, jerrod.burns@ozarkhillbillies.org

Contact: Jerrod Burns, Executive Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Early childhood reading materials, landscaping supplies, backpacks, youth craft supplies, baseball field equipment like rakes, shovels, drags, and lawnmower.

Volunteer Needs- A certified basketball referee and soccer referee to do free clinics for league referees.

Project Compassion, Inc.

1205 South Albert Pike, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-783-2273, director@projectcompassioninc.com

Contact: Marian Conrad, Executive Director

Mission: A volunteer organization bringing joy, companionship and quality of life to nursing home residents.

Holiday Wish List– Sweat shirts and pants, gowns, lounge pants, non-skid socks, lap quilts, large print Bibles, books, and crossword puzzles, puzzles with large pieces, large size playing cards, small personal Kleenex packages, cheerful note cards-blank inside, small hand lotions, blankets, iPod shuffles (new or working used), new head phones, cases of water, new laptop computer, and copy paper.

Volunteer Needs– Volunteers to visit one on one with nursing home residents, to help with activities, play instruments, write cheerful notes, or call bingo.

Hearts of Gold: Volunteers to help pack and deliver gifts to the 26 facilities we serve.

River Valley Christian Life Corps

320 N. Greenwood Ave, Fort Smith, AR 72902

479-353-7001, RiverValleyclc@gmail.com

Contact: Teresa Levesque, Peer Adviser

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

Holiday Wish List- Gift Cards, food and turkey donations, furniture, small appliances, towels, bed linens, and pots and pans.

Volunteer Needs– Men’s and women’s mentors, members for fund raising committee, and prayer partners.

River Valley Regional Food Bank

1420 North 32nd Street, PO BOX 4069, Fort Smith, AR 72914

479-785-0582 tclemons@cscdcaa.org

Contact: Ted Clemons, Director

Mission: To assist agencies in feeding those in need in our community..

Holiday Wish List– Water and ready to eat meals for disaster recovery, emergency power generators, digital weighting station, commercial-grade food processing and volunteer center, inventor management system, agency express software system, large canvas tent, local route delivery truck, truck-load of soup to feed children on longer holidays, two new forklift trucks, and signage for South Zero Street location.

Volunteer Needs- Painters for new building, framers for new building, sheet rockers for new building, finishers for new building, plumbers for new building, electricians for new building, HVAC installers for new building, carpet/tile installers for new building, sort and label groceries.

The Salvation Army

301 North 6th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-783-6145, johnny.poff@uss.salvationarmy.org

Contact: Major John Poff

Mission: Preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet the human needs in his name without discrimination.

Holiday Wish List– Frozen meat, canned food items, plastic reusable plates, dinner ware, towels, twin size bed linens, emergency use cots, bunk beds, phone system, commercial washer and dryers.

Volunteer Needs- Bell ringers, canned food drives, angel tree workers, Dec. 17-22 we need help to distribute food boxes and angel tree gifts, 365 nights a year we need groups, families, churches, individuals who will provide, prepare, and serve a meal in our “Red Shield Diner” to those in need. Many other volunteer opportunities available throughout the year.

Go to www.facebook.com/beashield to find out more.

Sebastian Retired Citizens Association, Inc

2700 Cavanaugh Rd, PO Box 181030, Fort Smith, AR 72918

479-648-9970, srca1@sebastian.kscoxmail.com

Contact: Deanna Rice, Executive Director

Holiday Wish List– Freezers, computers, can racks, bingo cards and gaming systems, food and paper goods, new ovens, copy paper, vans or small car to deliver meals, pot holder, dish rags, coffee, pool table, lawn mower, office equipment, self propelled floor cleaner, and food.

Volunteer Needs- Instructor to teach computer classes, drivers to deliver meals, kitchen/dining help, janitorial and light clerical help in the center.

Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Crawford, Franklin, and Sebastian Counties

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

PO BOX 8108, Fort Smith, AR 72902

479-434-6171, spsf_ar@yahoo.com

Contact: Owen Shackelford, Executive Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Used or new laptops for recipients, computer software for recipients.

Volunteer Needs- Become a member of the Single Parent Scholarship fund to help with fundraisers, interviews, and receptions and to advocate in the community for SPSF CFS.

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– Books, field equipment, folding tables, game room equipment, individually packaged snacks, chairs of all kinds, playground equipment, art/craft supplies, newer computers and or laptops, and video game systems.

Stepping Stone School

1036 Hwy 64, 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– Copy paper, art supplies, car seats, 6' folding tables, folding chairs, 6' x 9' area rugs, educational software, shelving, projector, DVR, Golf cart, lectern, mini refrigerators, evacuation beds, feeding table, children's books, CD players, and Dell tablets.

United Way of Fort Smith Area

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

479-782-1311, elherndon@unitedwayfortsmith.org

Contact: Eddie Lee Herndon, 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.

We Care Foundation

3324 South "M" Street, PO BOX 3431, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-782-8822, wecarefound@yahoo.com

Contact: Maureen Didion, Executive Director

Mission: Provide non-medical support programs for children birth to age 21 with cancer and related blood forming diseases including, but not limited to, hemophilia and sickle cell anemia.

Holiday Wish List- Coloring books, crayons, puzzle books, puzzles, small blankets, gloves, socks, toothbrushes, small tooth paste and stickers.

Volunteer Needs- Office help and special events help.

Volunteer and donation
opportunities in Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma

Create memories with your loved ones this holiday season

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