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2021

Holiday Giving Guide



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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, education, and financial stability.

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 2021 Holiday Giving Guide will make it easier for you to help others while GIVING LOCALLY.

Within the 2021 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 fifteenth 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.

The 2021 Holiday Giving Guide is brought to you by the United Way staff

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Tips for using the 2021 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 **2021 Holiday Giving Guide** with others, you may copy any portion of it.

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100 Families– Crawford County

808 Main Street, Van Buren, AR 72956

479-279-0527, cdouglas@unitedwayfortsmith.org

Contact: Charlotte Douglas, Crawford County Coordinator

Mission: To help families move from crisis to career using existing community resources by engaging community partners, training agencies on a collaborative case management system, and recruiting case managers to respond when a family is in crisis.

Holiday Wish List– Student backpacks with assorted school supplies and personal hygiene items (deodorant, bar soap, hairbrush, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner). Family laundry basket with laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish soap, dishwashing cloths, trash sacks, toilet paper, and paper towels.

Volunteer Opportunities– Help families with transportation to doctors appointments, grocery store, court appearances, mandated counseling and children's school events.

100 Families– Sebastian County

120 North 13th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

501-263-1603, hedwards@unitedwayfortsmith.org

Contact: Heather Edwards, Sebastian County Coordinator

Mission: To help families move from crisis to career using existing community resources by engaging community partners, training agencies on a collaborative case management system, and recruiting case managers to respond when a family is in crisis.

Holiday Wish List– Cribs, toddler beds and diapers.

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 training rooms, dishwasher, small conference table and chairs, HP Office Jet pro 8038 printer, Printer ink (HP 901XL black and tri color), Kleenex, copy paper, to go food containers, laundry detergent, dish soap, Ziploc bags.

Volunteer Opportunities– Electrician to lower lights in exercise and production rooms.

The Arc for the River Valley

7821 Texas Road, Fort Smith, AR 72908

479-783-5529, arcrivervalley@gmail.com

Contact: Francy Ford, Executive Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Art supplies-canvas and canvas boards, paint, construction paper, cardstock, frames, sculpting supplies and crafts of all types. Ink cartridges-HP61, Black and color toner for Konica Minolta copier, self sealing 9x6 manila envelopes. Basketballs and air pump, office chairs for computer lab, marathon center-pull paper towels, disposable dishes, cups, napkins, trash bags (13 and 33 gallon size), paper towels.

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteers to help with traffic and handing out meals and gifts for the Drive-Thru Christmas parade on December 18 from 5:00-7:00 PM. Coaches/Instructors, office support, repairs, and painting.

Arkansas Family Alliance

2917 Old Greenwood Road Suite 4, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-650-8698, matt@arfamillyalliance.org

Contact: Matt Whitson

Mission: Uniting communities to support children and families in crisis.

Holiday Wish List– Foster Care Christmas 2021 will provide gifts for 800 children in Sebastian County. Individuals and organizations can make monetary donations to help provide gifts or receive Wish Lists and shop for a child or children. Each child receives \$100 worth of gifts.

Volunteer Opportunities– Check in, sort, bag, and load gifts.

Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund– West Region

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

Contact: Abbie Taylor Cox, Development Manager

479-462-1440 acox@aspsf.org

Ruthanne Hill, Executive Director

479-927-1402 ext. 11 rhill@aspsf.org

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– \$25 gift cards for gas and groceries, greeting cards for birthdays and holidays, fine jewelry and silent auction items for fundraiser, host for a third party fundraiser.

Volunteer Opportunities– Assist with student applications and interviews, mentoring, assist with fundraising events, data entry, and volunteers to teach a soft-skills workshop.

Arkansas Valley Habitat for Humanity

421 Towson Avenue, PO Box 754, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-8255, avhfhvolunteer@gmail.com

Contact: Jaime Hebert, Volunteer Coordinator

Mission: Eliminate poverty housing.

Holiday Wish List– The ReStore takes donated furniture, appliances, building materials and home décor items. Tax receipts available. All money raised from the sale of these items in the ReStore goes toward home construction costs. The ReStore is open to the public and hosts the Gift Wrap fundraiser in December-bring your Christmas gifts to us and we will wrap them for you. \$3 and up per gift, includes box, paper, ribbon, bow and tag.

Volunteer Opportunities- Volunteers ages 16 and up at the ReStore and construction sites (no construction experience necessary).

Bonneville House Association

318 N. 7th Street (P.O. Box 5622) Fort Smith, AR. 72913

479-782-7854, bonnevillehouse@outlook.com

Contact: Amy Adams, Executive Director & Fund Development Coordinator

Mission: Our mission is to preserve and maintain this historic home and its rich history. In doing so, we are able to share a beautiful piece of Fort Smith's history with our local community and offer special community outreach programs such as our backpack drive and secret Santa for underprivileged children in our area.

Holiday Wish List: Financial support for preservation, back porch repair, office supplies, 1 desk chair, 2 high back arm chairs, outdoor cast iron table & chairs, 48"-60" round tables or 6-8ft rectangle tables, chairs, LED light bulbs, toys, gift cards and/or clothing for boys and girls ages 5-10 (for our secret Santa community outreach program with Morrison Elementary).

Volunteer Opportunities: Organizing, planning and/or working a shift at our fundraiser events, decorating for seasonal holidays, yard work, spring gardening, light house cleaning, front desk/office help, newsletters & mailings, school tours, and new board members.

Boy Scouts (Westark Area Council)

1401 Old Greenwood Road, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-7244, Christian.swaim@scouting.org, www.westarkbsa.org

Contact: Christian Swaim, Assistant Scout Executive

Mission: To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Holiday Wish List– 8.5x10 and 11x17 white copy paper, 500 gallons propane for Rogers Scout Reservation in Booneville, archery equipment (10 Genesis compound bows, 5 dozen 28- or 30-inch arrows, 8 archery targets).

Volunteer Opportunities– Merit badge counselors for the Scouts BSA advancement program. Whatever your area of expertise or interest– special craft or hobby (basketry, leatherwork, coin collecting), a profession (veterinary medicine, aviation, engineering), or a life skill (cooking, personal management, communication).

Boys & Girls Club of the Diamond Hills

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

479-632-2070, katherine@bgcdiamondhills.org

Contact: Katherine Miles

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– Art supplies (construction paper, markers, crayons, colored pencils, paint), PS4 games (rated E), board games, card games, books, basketballs, volleyballs, jump ropes, STEM and craft hobby kits, cleaning supplies, athletic equipment.

Volunteer Opportunities: Mentors to facilitate programs (1 hour bi-weekly), tutors, coaches for sports at the Paris Unit (soccer, basketball, football, baseball, cheer, softball).

Boys & Girls Club of LeFlore County

305 Clayton Ave. Poteau, OK 74953

918-647-7136, Justin Benson, bgcleflorecountyunitdirector@gmail.com

Contact: Justin Benson

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

Holiday Wish List– Van, truck, lawnmower, weed eater, funding for facility, art supplies, office furniture, front desk, office chairs, copier, paper, bulletin boards, toiletries, cleaning supplies, Lysol, sports equipment, storage building, clean fill dirt.

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteers to help with tutoring, program aides, technology assistance, landscaping, and lawncare.

Boys & Girls Club of Sequoyah County

208 S. Main Street, Sallisaw, OK 74955

918-775-4659, bgcseq@msn.com

Contact: Laura Kuykendall, CEO

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

Holiday Wish List– Toys for children, Xbox games for youth (PG), DVD movies for children (PG), art supplies, Member of the Month sponsorships, air hockey table, STEM kits, paint sprayer, gift cards, new roof on admin building, kitchen sink and plumbing, financial support.

Boys & Girls Club of South Logan County

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

479-675-2764, rick.bgclsc@centurylink.net

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 P.A. system, STEM and craft hobby kits, pull-behind gang-reel mower, equipment for soccer field concession and restrooms building project, folding table and chairs for art room, cards and board games, LED flat screen for gaming, replacement gaming systems for Teen Center.

Volunteer Opportunities– Mentors and tutors.

Boys & Girls Club of Van Buren

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

479-474-9401, director@vbclub.org, www.vbclub.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– 6 foot table and chairs, school supplies, cleaning supplies, items for Club Buck Store, and board games/puzzles.

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

The CALL in Crawford & Sebastian

5521 Ellsworth Rd, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-353-0767 crawfordsebastian@thecallinarkansas.org

Contact: Emily Treadaway, County Coordinator

Mission: To educate, equip and encourage the Christian community to provide a future and a hope for children in foster care in Arkansas.

Holiday Wish List– Diapers (size 2,3,4,5,6), pull-ups, laundry detergent, dish soap, Lysol, dishwashing liquid, paper towels, toilet paper, trash bags.

CASA of Crawford County Inc.

1112 Main Street, Van Buren, AR 72956

479-474-8502 Rebecca@21casa.org

Contact: Rebecca Gibbons, Executive Director

Mission: To recruit, train and support volunteer advocates who will serve to ensure safe permanent homes for abused and neglected children in our community.

Holiday Wish List– Small blankets (new), stuffed animals, flashlights, journals, books, hygiene items, socks, slippers, to put in backpacks or duffel bags for children entering foster care, all ages. Small toys, craft supplies, coloring books, items to place in birthday boxes or to use when meeting children in foster care for the first time, all ages.

Volunteer Opportunities– Ongoing volunteer advocates needed to advocate for children who have experienced abuse or neglect.

CASA of Sebastian County, Inc.

1216 Towson Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-4171 sebastiancasa4@yahoo.com, <http://casaofsebastiancounty.org>

Contact: Mary Ann Craig, Executive Director

Mission: to advocate for abused and neglected children within the court system. CASA works in the court system through trained volunteers, in collaboration with key agencies, legal counsel and community resources to serve as the child's advocate and represent the best interest of the child in juvenile court.

Holiday Wish List– Donations to help sustain the CASA of Sebastian County program. Donations also help with recruiting and training CASA Volunteer Advocates.

Volunteer Opportunities– Committed CASA volunteers to advocate for children in foster care.

Center for Arkansas Legal Services

901 S 21st St, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-785-5211 scowan@arkansaslegalservices.org

Contact: Sarah Cowan, Western Regional Supervisor

Mission: To balance the scales of justice for low-income people and communities through free legal aid in civil (non-criminal) cases.

Holiday Wish List– 3– tab reinforced fastener folders– 2 fasteners. Children's puzzles, crayons, coloring books, office supplies.

Volunteer Opportunities– Ongoing pro bono attorneys. Contact Tyler Armstrong at 479-974-4901 or tarmstrong@arkansaslegalservices.org. Clerical, paralegal, and/or notary services.

Children's Shelter

3015 South 14th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-783-0018, info@fscs.org, www.FSChildrensShelter.org

Mission: To be a safe and stable home that provides long-term, evidence-based, trauma-informed, resident-centered and family-focused care to youth in foster care who exhibit emotional and behavioral disorders due to neglect and/or abuse.

Holiday Wish List– Gift cards to local restaurants, local clothing and shoe store, local nail salons, PlayStation 5 with games, Xbox Series X with games, Xbox One with games, PlayStation 4 with games, controller for PS4 and Xbox1, jewelry, fake kids nail, nail polish, purses, wallets, journals, Bluetooth speakers, cologne/perfume, new basketballs and footballs, wireless headphones or ear buds, hair styling products, stocking stuffer for teenagers, paper products, non-perishable food items, toilet paper, bottle water, individual juice boxes/drinks OTC adult meds, cleaning supplies.

Volunteer Opportunities– Mentors, volunteers, and sponsor families for GetREAL24 residents ages 18 and older.

Community Dental Clinic

3428 Armour St, PO BOX 180070, Fort Smith, AR 72914

479-782-6021, communitydental117@gmail.com, lwoodard@cscdcaa.org

Contact: Lisa Woodard or Danae Warnock

Mission: To give our community confidence to Smile again by providing quality volunteer dental care to families who need dental services, but have difficulties affording everyday essentials.

Holiday Wish List– 4 MP3 players for patients during treatment, 3 digital cuffs for patient blood pressure, Community Dental Clinic banner for health fairs and events, Fixodent or Polident for denture patients, denture boxes, toothbrushes (children and adult), disposable black lab jackets for volunteer dentist, hygienist and RDA's (small, medium, large).

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteer dentist, organizing a fundraiser for financial support, providing financial support for individuals who have overall good oral health, but are not able to afford cleanings, fillings, crowns.

Community Services Clearinghouse

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

479-782-5074, aubry.severe@csclearinghouse.org, www.csclearinghouse.org

Contact: Aubry Severe

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

Holiday Wish List– Thanksgiving sponsorships \$25 (holiday food box) and Christmas sponsorship's \$50 (gifts for children or elderly).

Volunteer Opportunities– Gift wrapping for the Christmas program. Groups to hold new toy drives and holiday food drives.

Community Rescue Mission, Inc.

310 N F St, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-51443, heather@fscrm.org

Contact: Heather Sanders, Executive Director

Mission: Provides safe shelter, meals, and needed support to help people get back on their feet as quickly as possible.

Holiday Wish List– Hot meals for 35 delivered for dinner for residents. Stockings for children ages 3 months-17 years. Crafts and or games for families. Personal hygiene items for kids and adults. New socks and underwear for kids. New toys for Christmas gifts for children. Christmas mini trees and wreaths for each residential room. Paper goods, car seats and stroller, twin sheets, towels and blankets.

Volunteer Opportunities– On-going need for van drivers, clerical positions of answering phones and receiving donations (Monday 1-3, Wednesday 9-4). Groups to serve dinner (daily at 5:30). Volunteers to organize and lead crafts or games, provide life skill classes. On-going help with yard work and small maintenance repairs.

Comprehensive Juvenile Services, Inc.

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

479-785-4031, jjustice@cjsinc.org www.cjsinc.org

Contact: Janice Justice, Executive Director

Mission: To professionally serve the needs of Western Arkansas youth and their families by providing community base intervention and advocacy service which will: promote family reunification, reduce family conflict, prevent juvenile delinquency, and prevent youth's entry into or further advancement in the juvenile justice system.

Holiday Wish List- Sweatpants, shirts, socks, and underwear for teens, toiletries, art supplies, board games, computer games for teens, computer tablets/chrome books, school supplies, gift cards, tickets for cultural events or athletic events, recreational equipment, and twin size mattresses.

Volunteer Opportunities- Adult mentors for our Operation Positive Direction program to volunteer to spend 1 hour a week one-on-one with teenage youth. Volunteers spend 1 hour a week one-on-one with teenage youth. Construction workers to volunteer their time for various projects.

Crawford Adult Education Center

605 Alma Boulevard Circle, Van Buren, AR 72956

479-471-0019 dfaubus@vbsd.us, www.crawfordcountyadulthoodeducationcenter.webs.com

Contact: Debbie Faubus-Kendrick, Director

Mission: To provide ongoing learning opportunities, preparing individuals for career advancement, post-secondary education, technological innovation, and life enrichment.

Holiday Wish List– Gas cards, napkins, paper towels, plasticware, bottled water, paper plates, paper bowls, paper cups, sugar, creamer, coffee, sweetener, coffee stirrers, coffee filters, popcorn, popcorn oil, popcorn bags, popcorn salt.

Crawford County Senior Citizens Center

18 Lafayette St, Van Buren, AR 72956

479-632-3535, almaseniorcenter@hotmail.com

Contact: Elaine Hankins, Executive Director

Mission: To build independence in seniors, keep them active and help them to stay in their homes longer.

Holiday Wish List– NEW or USED vehicles to deliver meals to the home bound.

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteers to help with home delivered meals at Alma, Cedarville, Mountainburg, Mulberry, and Van Buren Senior Centers.

Crisis Intervention Center

5603 South 14th St, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-1821, penni@fscic.org, www.FSCIC.org

Contact: Penni Burns, CEO

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– Twin sheets, pillow cases, bath towels, Walmart cards, socks, air mattresses.

Volunteer Opportunities– Craft nights (most craft supplies provided), cooking meals.

Developmental Wings, Inc.

474900 Old US HWY 64, Muldrow, OK 74948

479-459-0645, michelle@developmentalwings.com, developmentalwings.com

Contact: Michelle Qualls-Long, Executive Director

Mission: To Provide services to those with developmental disabilities and autism in Eastern OK and Western AR.

Holiday Wish List– Financial support for the Therapeutic Riding Program that costs \$25 per ride per client, games and equipment for riding program, art supplies for art program.

Volunteer Opportunities– Board members, instructors for art and music programs, side walkers and leaders for the riding program and volunteers for fundraising events.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

120 North 13th Street, Fort Smith AR 72901

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 (\$25 to sponsor one child per year, \$125 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, amanda@reynoldscancersupporhouse.org

Contact: Amanda Collins, Patient Services Manager

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- Adopt-A-Family sponsor to purchase gifts for families affected by cancer (wish list provided), Adopt-A-Child sponsor for Kids Kicking Cancer; Cash donations, non-perishable food donations.

First Presbyterian Church

116 N 12th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-783-8919, keley@1pres.org

Contact: Keley Simpson, Mission Facilitator

Mission: Provides educational support for students experiencing homelessness.

Holiday Wish List– Store bought cocoa, store bought hand warmers.

Volunteer Opportunities– Translator to help Spanish speaking families during the seasonal Christmas Store.

Fort Smith Boys Home

5904 Zero St, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-769-5624, boysshelterdirector@gmail.com, <https://www.fsboyshome.org/>

Contact: Eddie Donovan, Executive Director

Mission: To enhance the quality of life for our children and young adults who are displaced from their families, or who are involved in the foster care system.

Holiday Wish List– New or used van or SUV, push mower, 45 or 39 gallon trash bags, X Box games rated Teen, 8 x 10 white copy paper, food gift cards (Burger King, McDonalds, Cici's), Bluetooth speakers, non-perishable food items, toilet paper, paper towels, bottle water, over the counter adult medicine.

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteer opportunities for male and female year round to make a difference in the boys lives.

Fort Smith Boys & Girls Clubs

4905 North "O" Street, Fort Smith, AR 72904

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

Contact: Jerry Glidewell, Executive Director

Mission: Serving more than 3,000 area young people (ages 6-18), by helping members develop qualities needed to become responsible citizens and leaders.

Locations: 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

Goldtrap Unit--8800 S. Dallas Fort Smith AR 72903 479-452-4779

Stephens Unit-3101 N. 6th Street Fort Smith, AR 72904 479-782-6392

Holiday Wish List– Toys, pool table, foosball table, video games, DVD movies (G or PG), riding lawn mower, athletic equipment.

Volunteer Opportunities– Mentors for our STAND WITH U mentoring program, coaches for sports (baseball, football, basketball, soccer, cheer).

Fort Smith Public Schools Families in Transition Program

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

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

Contact: Jeanne Carroll, Families in Transition Liaison

Mission: Provides educational support for students experiencing homelessness.

Holiday Wish List– Diapers, training pants, educational games.

Volunteer Opportunities- Assist in distributing holiday gifts, assemble backpacks (August–May), and assemble Parent Information Resource Guides (August–May).

Fort Smith Public Schools Parents as Teachers Program

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

479-784-8182, sbiggs@fortsmithschools.org

Contact: Sarah Biggs, Supervisor of Early Childhood Education, Parent and Community Services

Mission: Provides education and support to parents of preschool children, prenatal to kindergarten entry, for school readiness and positive parenting skills.

Holiday Wish List– Diapers, baby wipes, children's clothing, hygiene products, children books, educational games.

Gateway Recovery Center (Harbor House, Inc.)

3900 Armour Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72904

479-785-4083 ext. 202, cstokes@recoveryhhi.org

Contact: Cindy Stokes, Chief Compliance Officer

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

Holiday Wish List– Underwear, socks, hygiene products or hygiene gift baskets towels, washcloths, pillows, blankets, Chapstick, gift cards, pad/tampons, bicycles, arts and crafts supplies, board games, diapers/pullups, bottles, sippy cups, children's educational toys.

Volunteer Opportunities– On-going need for yard work and painting.

Girl Scouts - Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas

5705 Gordon Lane, Fort Smith, AR 72903

800-632-6894, funddevelopment@girlscoutsdiamonds.org, www.girlscoutsdiamonds.org

Contact: Sheila Kelton

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

Holiday Wish List– Gallon-size white or clear glue, duct tape (any color or size), gallon-size tempera or acrylic paint, crazy circuits makerspace sets, snap circuits, Makey Makey kits, woodworking tools and supplies (drills, hammers, screwdrivers, handsaws, tool boxes, sandpaper).

Volunteer Opportunities- Adult volunteers needed for troops, events, and programs. We can support small and large groups for clean-up events.

Girls Inc. of Fort Smith

1415 Old Greenwood Road, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-0622, adaniels@girlsincfortsmith.org

Contact: Amanda Daniels, Executive Director

Mission: Girls Inc. inspires all girls to be strong, smart and bold.

Holiday Wish List– Privacy fence, office supplies, cleaning supplies, cooking supplies/utensils, arts/crafts supplies, children's books, basketballs and volleyballs, new van, new concession garage door, updated movies/video games, lawn mower, and weed eater.

Girls Shelter of Fort Smith, Inc.

2600 Raleigh, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-646-0444, shareнна@girlsshelterfs.org

Contact: Shareнна Landers

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

Holiday Wish List– Art supplies, adult coloring books, jigsaw puzzles, bath towels, body wash, hair straighteners, hair dryers, scrunchies, stuffed animals, pajamas, kitchen towels, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, paper towels, hair brushes.

Volunteer Opportunities- Help with fundraising events.

Good Samaritan Clinic

615 North B Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-783-0233, patti@goodsamaritanclinic.net

Contact: Patti Kimbrough, Executive Director

Mission: To provide quality, compassionate medical care to our neighbors in need, who otherwise have no access to healthcare.

Holiday Wish List– Copy paper, pens, post it notes, Forever stamps, gift cards for office supplies (Office Depot, Sam's or Walmart), printer ink, laundry detergent, Clorox wipes, air fresheners, disinfectant sprays, Windex, multi-purpose cleaners, dusting sprays.

Volunteer Opportunities- Appointment/Volunteer scheduler, social media intern, special events volunteers, cleaning, painting, and yard work.

Hamilton House Child and Family Safety Center

2713 South 74th, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-783-1002, laurie@hamiltoncca.org

Contact: Laurie Burnett, Executive Director

Mission: Provide direct, comprehensive services to child abuse victim and their non-offending family members in a seven-county area.

Holiday Wish List– \$10-20 gift cards to Walmart for gas or personal items, \$10 fast food gift cards for teen goody bags, full sized refrigerator, small toys for goody bags (hot wheels, bubbles, sticker, fidget toys, coloring books, crayons, marker, silly putty, journals, gel pens, toiletries, hair brushes, body lotion/spray for boys and girls, individually wrapped snacks, lip balm, scrunchies, face masks, bath bombs, dollar store toys, paracord bracelets, keychains, small flashlights, Rubik's cube, card games, etc.), tote bags/backpacks, toiletries.

Harbor Recovery Center (Harbor House, Inc.)

615 North 19th Street, PO BOX 4207, Fort Smith, AR 72914

479-785-4083, cstokes@recoveryhhi.org

Contact: Cindy Stokes, Chief Compliance Officer

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

Holiday Wish List– Underwear, socks, vacuum cleaners, hygiene products, sweatpants and tops, towels, washcloths, pillows, blankets, Chapstick, gift cards.

Volunteer Opportunities– On-going need for yard work and painting.

Heart to Heart Pregnancy & Family Care Center

417 South 16th, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-452-2260, heart2heartpsc@gmail.com

Contact: Candice Caputo, Center Director

Mission: To provide free and confidential services to help with pregnancy and other reproductive health concerns including: free ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, and peer-counseling.

Holiday Wish List– Diapers (especially size 5,6), baby/toddler clothing sizes 12 month to 5T, socks 6 month-5T, shoes baby/toddler size 2-10, sippy cups, bottles, baby wash, lotion and maternity clothing.

Volunteer Opportunities– Client advocates to help mentor, counsel and meet client's needs(approx. 2 hours weekly), baby closet coordinators to help separate and size baby clothes. Hours are Monday through Friday 9-2. Please email heart2heartpsc@gmail.com for a volunteer and background check application.

HOPE Campus

301 South E Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-668-4764, chris@riverviewhopecampus.org

Contact: Chris Joannides

Mission: To provide comprehensive services to impoverished individuals and families in the River Valley to help transform lives and to strengthen the community.

Holiday Wish List– Gently used bath towels, travel size deodorant, razors, travel size toothpaste, feminine products, twin sheets, pillowcases. Walmart and Sam's Club gift cards.

Volunteer Opportunities– For current opportunities please visit <https://riverviewhopecampus.org/get-involved/>.

Lincoln Childcare Center

1415 North 9th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-4997, lincolnchild2@aol.com

Contact: LaKeisha Stinyard, Executive Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Kleenex, baby wipes, construction paper, copy paper, latex gloves, watercolor paints, crayons, markers, colored pencils, playdough, washcloths, bibs, child sized forks, board books, cloth books, peel and stick foam shapes, sticky notes, pens, washable tempera paint, sharpies, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, laundry detergent, and 5-ipads for teachers.

Volunteer Opportunities– Landscaping, clean the parking lot area, assist teaching staff in classrooms, and help with fundraiser events. Childcare volunteers must wear mask and have their temperature screened.

Literacy Council of Western Arkansas

300 S. 11th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72902

479-783-2665, bente@lcowa.com

Contact: Bente Eriksen, Executive Director

Mission: To promote literacy and improve quality of life for adult learners in our community through basic education and personalized instruction.

Holiday Wish List– Dry erase markers, small white boards, plain photography background, a stand for photography backgrounds, ring light that will hold a phone and/or iPad, post-it notes, file folders.

Volunteer Opportunities– Custodial, landscaping, tutors for reading, basic math, basic computers and English language, bilingual tutors, administrative assistant.

Manes and Miracles

PO Box 11828, Fort Smith, AR 72917

918-540-2953 or 479-970-8351, manesandmiracles1@gmail.com, www.manesandmiracles.org

Contact: Amber Herndon or Jodi Kusturin

Mission: All are equal in the saddle. We provide equine-assisted therapy to people with disabilities in an environment where opportunity replaces limitation, and to help children and adults learn the power of the words "I CAN".

Holiday Wish List– Financial support (any amount helps make little miracles happen every day), equipment for hippotherapy program (riding helmets, therapeutic riding fleece bareback pad, therapeutic riding bolster, therapeutic riding saddle, raised bridle, rubber grip reins, therapeutic riding safety stirrups, non-skid mounting steps), 4 wheeler, tractor, storage building, iPad, and office supplies (HP printer black & color #65). Extended wish list on AmazonSmile.com.

Volunteer Opportunities– Therapy session horse side-walker, maintain stalls/grounds, office and social media assistant, fundraising events in April and September.

Facebook.com/ manesandmiracleschaffee for volunteer opportunity updates.

Monarch 61 Project

105 N 28th St. Suite D, Van Buren, AR 72956

479-410-4225, info@monarch61.com

Contact: Nicole Walton, Executive Director

Mission: To connect, mentor, and empower women through a creative hub of community, art, and wellness.

Holiday Wish List– Art supplies, beauty supplies, office supplies, food and gas gift cards. (full wish list on monarch61.com)

Volunteer Opportunities– Mentors, art assistants, café assistants, housekeeping, fundraising, partnership (monthly donors).

Morgan Nick Foundation

1243 US Highway 71 North

Alma, AR 72921

479-632-6382, genevie@morgannick.com

Contact: Genevie Strickland, Assistant Director

Mission: Dedicated to preventing crimes against children and adults through programs that educate, empower, and unite family and communities.

Holiday Wish List– Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Premier Pro, DJI OM 5 extension rod for highlighting missing persons. 12 x 12 pop up tent with enclosures, 4 portable camping chairs, Neewer 2-pack dimmable 5600K USB LED video light with adjustable tripod stand and color filters, white copy paper, HP printer in 65 black and color, HP printer ink 63 black and color, Konica Minolta TN216Y Yellow, TN216M Magenta, TN216C Blue, TN216K Black, paper towels, toilet paper, disposable gloves, water cups for 25K supports missing persons, (2) Igloo 5-gallon portable sports cooler. \$50 gift cards to provide meals for families of missing persons (Cracker Barrel, Pizza Hut, Geno's Pizza, Taco Bell, Olive Garden, TGI Fridays, Chili's, Panera, McAlister's). Custom 2.5 x 6 banners with the Morgan Nick Foundation Logo. 160 12 x 12 patio pavers for family of missing persons events.

Volunteer Opportunities– 25K run May 14, 2022 (online registration available). Building patio at the Morgan Nick Foundation to aid in search for missing persons.

New Start for Children & Families, Inc.

6911 Alma Hwy, Van Buren, AR 72956

479-430-3529, newstartfamilies@gmail.com, www.newstartforfamilies.com

Contact: Laura Caldwell, Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Children's shampoo, conditioner, lice treatments, combs, brushes, child body wash, baby lotion and body wash, baby wipes, diapers all sizes, toothbrushes and toothpaste, men and women's deodorant, infant/children Tylenol, children's socks, underwear, and shoes, pots and pans, dishes, silverware, towels, washcloths, twin beds, mattresses, sheets, blankets, pillows, laundry soap and softener, toilet paper, paper towels, storage containers, baby food, canned food, easy quick meals.

Volunteer Opportunities- Volunteers to sort clothes, organize, and conduct activities.

Next Step Homeless Services

123 North 6th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-5433, sharon@thenextstepfs.org

Contact: Sharon Chapman, Executive Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Adult winter gloves and hats, hand warmers, adult winter coats– clean, adult sweatpants and jeans, adult backpacks, sleeping bags, Chapstick, sterno, big cans of coffee, #10 cans of food, bottled water, paper towels, toilet paper, sheet sets– clean (twinXL and full).

Volunteer Opportunities– Holiday baked goods (cookies, muffins), meal preparation (off-site), leaf raking and bagging at housing units.

Ozark Area Youth Organization

14548 Lee Point Road, Ozark, AR 72949

479-518-7785, bulldog_mse@yahoo.com

Contact: Robert Gresham, Executive Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Youth craft materials, field maintenance equipment (rakes and shovels), backpacks, and books.

Volunteer Opportunities- A certified trainer to teach training class.

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– New sweatshirts, sweatpants, nightgowns, pajama sets, lounge pants, solid color t-shirts, house shoes (closed heel). Large size playing cards, small personal Kleenex packages, small size hand lotion, nail polish, lap blankets/throws. Gift cards \$10 and \$25 for Walmart, Target, and fast food restaurants for special wish request. Large print books, crossword puzzles, bingo games, checkers, chess. Cases of copy paper, zippers, large buttons, lace ribbon to make fidget blankets for residents.

Holiday Volunteer Opportunities– Individuals, church groups, youth groups, and families to visit, play music, help residents with games, crafts, and activities.

All Year Volunteer Opportunities- Volunteers to visit one on one with nursing home residents, help with activities, birthday and holiday parties, crafts, door decorations, call Bingo, play piano or other instruments, sing gospel songs/hymns, lead devotional/worship services, groups to write cheerful notes to residents, make calls, and help with technology. Volunteers with pets to join our "Paws for Joy" pet therapy program.

River Valley Christian Life Corps

320 N. Greenwood Ave, Fort Smith, AR 72902

479-353-7001, rivervalleyclc@gmail.com

Contact: Amanda Yates, Executive Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Stamps (regular and postcard), gift cards for fellowship meals, cleaning supplies.

Financial support for training expenses, participant gifts, celebrations.

Volunteer Opportunities– On-going mentors, Social Media coordinator, lift help for food bank board members. Seasonal opportunity for life skill instructors and devotional leaders.

River Valley Regional Food Bank

1617 Zero St, PO BOX 180070 Fort Smith, AR 72914

479-785-0582 tengel@cscdcaa.org www.rvrfoodbank.org

Contact: Tracy Engel, Director

Mission: To alleviate hunger by distributing food to 189 nonprofit agencies who help individuals in need with more than 90,000 gifts of food each month.

Holiday Wish List– Non-perishable food items, two or three new office/desk swivel chairs, new wood laminate flooring for the interior office flooring, monetary donations (or donations in honor or memory of an individual). \$1 provides 10 meals to a family in need.

Volunteer Opportunities– Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the River Valley Regional Food Bank is accepting small groups of volunteers for outdoor distribution events and a limited number of volunteers for indoor help. If you're interested in volunteering at the food bank, we encourage interested individuals to call us to schedule a volunteer time. For more information, visit www.rvrfoodbank.org.

The Salvation Army

301 North 6th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

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

Contact: Captains Bradley & Stephanie Hargis

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

Holiday Wish List– Host toy/food drive, host red kettle site, nonperishable food items, businesses or individuals to adopt angels (An angel represents a local child in need aged 0-11).

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteer to bell ring (Can register online at Registertoring.com), process and package Angel Tree gifts and holiday food boxes. On-going opportunities to cook/serve nightly meal, prepare pantry boxes for families facing food insecurity, process donated clothing in Family Store.

Sebastian County Drug & Veterans Court

901 South "B" Street Room 204, Fort Smith, AR 72901

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

Contact: Becky Tabor, Coordinator

Mission: To assist clients in their substance abuse rehabilitation process through court supervision.

Holiday Wish List– New or used bicycles for men or women.

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– Bingo items: Walmart gift cards, restaurant gift cards, paper household items, non-perishable items, toiletry items, seasonal decorations, office supplies.

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteers to deliver meals.

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, board games, field equipment, folding tables, game room equipment, picnic tables, playground equipment, arts/crafts supplies, sporting equipment, computers/laptops, field bleachers, audio/visual equipment, children's toys, and school supplies.

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– Baler, car seats, 5 x 7 area rugs, educational software, office supplies, MP3 players, industrial shredder, board books and children's books, tricycles, art supplies, folding tables, folding chairs, child-safe trucks/cars, personal care supplies, mini refrigerator, patio furniture for residential facilities, color laser printer, fork lift.

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteers to help with Valentine fundraiser from mid-January through mid-February.

STEPS Family Resource Center

706 Garrison Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-7837, karmella@thestepsinc.org

Contact: Karmella Montgomery, Executive Director

Mission: to promote healthy lifestyles and strengthen families in our community by providing programs that offer safety, training, education and prevention that provide solutions.

Holiday Wish List– Children's toys for all ages, game tables for teenagers in the visitation room, office supplies (copy paper, folders, paper clips, post its, glossy paper, staples). Furniture such as couch, loveseats for 3 visitation rooms, durable kids table and chairs for 2 visitation rooms, flat screen tv for each of the 2 visitation rooms, paint for the visitation rooms, bean bag chairs, cubby storage shelves, bookcases, glider rocker for the nursery visitation rooms, books, movies, video game system and games. Furniture dolly for larger items at The Purple Patch.

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteers for thrift store, The Purple Patch.

United Way of Fort Smith Area

120 North 13th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-1311, cterry@unitedwayfortsmith.org

Contact: Carrie Terry, Community Initiatives Coordinator

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.

Volunteer Opportunities– Day of Caring, Fill the Bus, customizable volunteer projects for service groups, schools, companies, etc.

Volunteer and donation opportunities

in Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma

Create memories with your loved ones this holiday season

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