

2025
HOLIDAY
GIVING GUIDE

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Fort Smith Area



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, financial security, and crisis.

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 2025 Holiday Giving Guide will make it easier for you to help others while **GIVING LOCALLY**.

Within the 2025 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 nineteenth 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 2025 Holiday Giving Guide is brought to you by the United Way staff

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Tips for using the 2025 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 coworkers 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 **2025 Holiday Giving Guide** with others, you may copy any portion of it. Additional copies may also be downloaded from www.unitedwayfortsmith.org.

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100 Families– Crawford County

808 Main Street, Van Buren, AR 72956

479-279-0527, bpetty@restorehope.io

Contact: Becky Petty, 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– Gas cards, diapers (sizes 2,3 & 4), formula, & visa gift cards.

100 Families– Sebastian County

5320 Grand Ave., Fort Smith, AR 72904

479-279-0527 courtnee.harlan@uafs.edu

Contact: Courtnee Harlan, Project 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– Gas cards, diapers, formula, & visa gift cards.

Volunteer Opportunities– Providing Childcare

Abilities Unlimited, Inc.

3305 Kibler Road, Van Buren, AR 72956

479-471-5354, bloyd@auifs.org

Contact: William Loyd, Executive Director

Mission: Our mission is to empower individuals with disabilities by helping them recognize their unique Abilities, explore a diverse range of Jobs, and open doors to life-changing Opportunities.

Holiday Wish List– Kleenex, copy paper, laundry detergent, dish soap, food dehydrator machine, flash freeze machine, electric smoker.

The Arc for the River Valley

7821 Texas Road, Fort Smith, AR 72908

479-783-5529, arcrivervalley@gmail.com

Contact: Rileigh Richardson, Executive Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Art supplies, including artificial greenery and flowers, ribbon, markers, paint, adhesives, old jewelry, tissue papers, scissors, and misc craft supplies. Small giftable items for bingo prizes.

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteers to help with yard work, organizing and cleaning, teaching various classes, people who can fix things/ perform general maintenance.

Arkansas Family Alliance

1201 Garrison Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-285-0088, heather@arfamillyalliance.org

Contact: Heather Sanders

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

Holiday Wish List– Foster Care and Beyond Christmas 2025 will provide gifts for 1200 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: Christine Gronwald, Director of Development

501-550-6307, cgronwald@aspsf.org

Jenn Morehead, Executive Director

501-393-2353, jmorehead@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, and Copy Paper.

Arkansas Valley Habitat for Humanity

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

479-782-8255, info@arkansasvalleyhabitat.org

Contact: Denise Tobin, Volunteer Coordinator

Mission: Eliminate poverty housing.

Holiday Wish List– The ReStore takes donated furniture, appliances, building materials and home décor items. Tax receipts available upon request. All money raised from the sale of these items in the ReStore goes toward home construction costs.

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

Boys & Girls Club of the Diamond Hills

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

479-632-2070, Emily@bgcdiamondhills.org

Contact: Emily O'Kelley

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), Board Games, Outside Toys, Chairs, magna tiles, legos, and Learning Materials (Flashcards, Books, DVD's), Hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, headlice treatment kits, menstrual products, etc.)

Volunteer Opportunities: Mentors to facilitate programs, tutor, play games, read books to kids. In need of volunteers to help re-paint the club.

Boys & Girls Club of LeFlore County

300 N. Witte Street Poteau, OK 74953

918-385-2522 ceobgclc@gmail.com

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

Holiday Wish List– STEM Kits, Art Supplies, School Supplies, Basketballs, Soccer Balls, Footballs, Volleyballs, Board Games, Puzzles, Video Game Consoles, Video Games Rated G or E, Outdoor games,

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteers to help with mentoring and tutoring

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– Movies (Rated G/PG), PlayStation, X-Box, Wii, games rated G or E, art supplies, member of the month sponsorships, STEM kits, paint sprayer, gift cards, and any other financial support.

Boys & Girls Club of South Logan County

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

479-675-2764, amber@bgcslc.org

Contact: Amber Mikles, 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– Ice chests for drinks, small ice maker, commercial microwave/convection oven, dodge balls, footballs, football net, gaming consoles and games. **Volunteer Opportunities**– Mentors, tutors, and coaches.

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: Ja'Cory Taylor, CEO

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– Markers, colored paper, googly eyes, water color paint, canvas, board games, cards, items for teens, and 3D printer filament.

Volunteer Opportunities– Seasonal Opportunities, basketball, soccer and baseball coaches.

The CALL in Crawford & Sebastian

401 N. Greenwood Ave., Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-353-0767, crawfordsebastian@thecallinarkansas.org

Contact: Stephanie Beadle, Affiliate Director

Web: thecallinarkansas.org

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– Toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent (sensitive skin), Clorox/ Lysol wipes, small laundry baskets, pull-ups, snacks, bottled water, coffee and hot chocolate pods for Keurig.

Volunteer Opportunities– Support Center hospitality, day to day upkeep of the center. Reach out for more volunteer opportunities. TheCALLinArkansas.org

Fort Smith Children's Shelter-Get REAL

3015 South 14th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-783-0018, jensen@fscs.org, getrealu.org

Mission: To create a safe and stable environment where at-risk youth, who are aging out of foster care or have become homeless, learn the fundamentals of adulthood to empower them to overcome the cycle of dysfunction. GetREAL provides healing and guidance, cultivates healthy and life-long relationships, and transforms trauma into hope as each individual realizes their potential to become productive members of society. Contact: Jensen Long

Holiday Wish List– Individually wrapped snacks, drinks (Gatorade, bottled water, soda, etc.), gingerbread house kits, stockings

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteers needed to help decorate campus for Christmas, wrap Christmas gifts

Community Dental Clinic

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

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

Contact: Lisa Woodard

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– Awning for front door, tooth paste, dental floss, toothbrushes for adults and children (soft only), Copy paper- ultra white, Donations for in-house dental assistant program, New front desk counter and cabinets.

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 restorative dental care.

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 \$30 (holiday food box) and Christmas sponsorship's \$50 (gifts for children or elderly), new un-opened toys, companies to host toy drive and food drives.

Volunteer Opportunities– Seasonal gift wrapping for the Christmas program. Pantry volunteers every Tuesday 9:00 AM– 12:00 PM or 12:00 PM– 2:00 PM.

Community Rescue Mission, Inc.

310 N F St, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-1443, 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– Food Items– potatoes, stuffing, sausage, green beans, corn, cream of mushroom, onion straws, oranges, gravy, milk, kid's drinks, and pies. Christmas gifts for children, crafts for kids, diapers, and wipes.

Volunteer Opportunities– Cooking & Serving Dinner, Help in the warehouse to sort donations, Volunteers to provide a game, craft, or life skills class. Ice rink volunteers.

Seasonal– Serving Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, wrapping Christmas gifts, and cookie decorating.

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- 15 passenger Van, MBM Destroyit 2604 Cross Cut Shredder Bundle w/ Gallon Kit, 10' x 12' Storage Shed, [Generac RG08045C Protector Series 80kW Generator \(SCAQMD Compliant\)](#) for The Clay Roper Western Arkansas Youth Shelter, Mulberry AR, *Monetary contributions to be used for The Clay Roper Western Arkansas Youth Shelter Mulberry, AR. Donations can be made via www.cjsinc.org. 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 or athletic events, and recreational equipment.

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 for The Clay Roper Western Arkansas Youth Shelter.

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, blankets, pillow cases, bath towels, shower curtains, hygiene products, balls, hula hoops, outdoor toys, Walmart gift cards, socks, air mattresses, and sports bras of all sizes.

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

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

120 North 13th Street, Fort Smith AR 72901

479-782-1311, mkwewers@unitedwayfortsmith.org

Contact: Mary-Kate Wewers, 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 (\$31 to sponsor one child per year, \$155 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, rachel@reynoldscancersupporthouse.org

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- Premier Protein shakes (chocolate, vanilla, café latte, or strawberry), \$15 Casey's gas cards, Travel size self-care items (lotion, ChapStick, etc.), Puzzle books (word search or crossword), Mints

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteer opportunities all throughout the year, contact the office.

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– , Xbox 1 wired controllers, new gas range top, freezer, twin bed sheets and pillows.

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

Fort Smith Boys & Girls Club

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

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

Contact: Beth Presley, CEO

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– Copy paper, STEM Kits (robotics, coding kits, podcasting, chemistry sets), art supplies, school supplies, basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, volleyballs, board games, puzzles, video game consoles, outdoor games, storage solutions (bins, shelves, cabinets), exercise equipment keyboards, and guitars.

Volunteer Opportunities– Mentors for our STAND WITH U mentoring program, coaches for sports (baseball, football, basketball, soccer, cheer), guest speakers, skill workshops, funding for field trips and food programs.

Fort Smith Public Schools Families in Transition Program

811 North “T” Street, Fort Smith AR, 72904

479-784-8182 ext. 73529, jcarroll@fortsmithschools.org

Contact: Jeanne Carroll, Families in Transition Liaison

Mission: Provides educational support for students experiencing homelessness.

Volunteer Opportunities- Assist in distributing holiday kits, 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, syancey@fortsmithschools.org

Contact: Sarah Yancey, 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: Gateway Recovery is dedicated to providing hope and healing to those suffering from substance use disorders.

Holiday Wish List– panties, bras, socks, games, puzzles, hygiene products, tampons. Rocking chairs for our moms in treatment and their babies.

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– Copy paper, small cleaning towels, stamps, baking supplies, art supplies, detergent, dish soap, cleaning supplies, sidewalk chalk, basketballs, volleyballs, and hoola hoops. **Volunteer**

Opportunities– Coaches for volleyball, basketball, & dance. Volunteers for concession stand, refs for games, gate workers. Other projects include yard work, cleaning, and painting.

Girls Shelter of Fort Smith, Inc.

2600 Raleigh, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-646-0444, shareнна@girlsshelterfs.org

Contact: Shareнна Landers, 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– Art supplies, adult coloring books, jigsaw puzzles, bath towels, body wash, hair straighteners, kitchen towels, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, hair brushes, laundry detergent, twin size comforter sets, Xbox games (rated E or T), Nintendo switch, Nintendo games, card games. **Volunteer**

Opportunities- Help with fundraising events.

Good Samaritan Clinic

1400 S. Zero St, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-783-0233, patti@goodsamaritanclinic.net

Web: goodsamaritanfs.com

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, translator (English & Spanish), social media intern, special events volunteers, cleaning, painting, and yard work.

Hamilton Center for Child Advocacy

5401 Ellsworth Road. Fort Smith 72903

479-783-1002, Madi Youngwolfe

Mission: To provide a safe place where child victims of abuse are heard, families are healed and lives are rebuilt after trauma.

Holiday Wish List– : Fidget/sensory toys, Playdough, Journals, Pens, Teen items for goodie bags boy and girl, gas cards, grocery store cards, fast food gift cards

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: Harbor House is dedicated to providing hope and healing to those suffering from substance use disorders.

Holiday Wish List– Underwear, socks, exercise equipment, puzzles, board games.

Heart to Heart Pregnancy & Family Care Center

417 South 16th, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-452-2260, heart2heartpsc@gmail.com

Web: hearttoheartpfcc.org

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 & Pull-Ups (sizes 4-6), Baby Clothes (NB-5T), Baby Socks, Maternity Clothes, Baby Bath Supplies, Baby Food, Formula, Bibs/Burp Cloths, Blankets & Crib Sheets, Bottles, Pacifiers, Baby Shoes (NB-10), Hygiene Products, and Gift Cards.

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteers to help as parenting instructor to teach English classes a couple hours a week, client advocates a couple hours a week, women's groups to help host baby showers for expectant mothers.

HOPE Campus

301 South E Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-668-4764, phylis@riverviewhopecampus.org

Contact: Phylis Savoy

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– Walmart gift cards, canned vegetables, canned fruits, dry dog food, drink mixes (lemonade, Hi-C etc.), bath towels, pillows, underwear, socks, bleach, razors, tampons, and travel size hygiene products.

Volunteer Opportunities– Currently have volunteer opportunities to help at the front desk, lead life skills class, as well as prep, cook, and serve meals. Contact development@riverviewhopecampus.org to check dates/times.

Lincoln Childcare Center

1415 North 9th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-4997, lincolnchild2@aol.com

Contact: Barbara Canady, Executive Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Kleenex, baby wipes, baby diapers, pull ups of all sizes, new intercom system.

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, executivedirector@lcowa.com

Contact: Jessica Hayes, Interim 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– Friends of the Literacy Council, Donations to support the purchase of new curriculum.

Volunteer Opportunities– Tutors for adult basic education (reading & math), ESL, and computer/financial literacy.

Monarch 61

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– White cardstock, canvases, watercolor paper, acrylic paints, coloring books (14 & Up), scrapbook paper pads, stickers & embellishments, paper towels, and toilet paper. (Full wish list on monarch61.com)

Volunteer Opportunities– Currently needing volunteers to help teach art & yoga, help with events & fundraising, and individuals to coach & mentor.

Next Step Homeless Services

123 North 6th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-5433, sharon@thenextstepfs.org

Contact: Sharon Chapman, Executive Director

Mission: Empowering those experiencing homelessness with a goal of improving their safety and stability. Next Step provides supportive services, case management and housing to promote dignity and alleviate suffering.

Holiday Wish List– Bottled water, Clothing (adult winter gloves, hats, coats, pants, sweatshirts, new underwear, adult socks, adult sneakers) Backpacks, copy paper, bedding (new pillows, twin sheet sets, clean bath towels), Hygiene supplies (travel size deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, small brushes, disposable razors, tampons) Art supplies (inexpensive paint brushes, colored markers, paint, paper), Bingo prizes (canned soda, candy bars), Food supplies for shelter meals (large containers of coffee, paper towels, canned vegetables, canned diced tomatoes, canned spaghetti sauce.)

Volunteer Opportunities– Off-site help with meals (cooking lunch, providing desserts, helping with Holiday meals (pies, salads, rolls), Meal service help, yard work and repairs, mentoring/counseling, hosting a coat or food drive.

Ozark Area Youth Organization

14548 Lee Point Road, Ozark, AR 72949

479-518-7785, bulldog_mse@yahoo.com

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

Holiday Wish List– Sports equipment, landscaping materials, toilet paper, soap, paper towels, cleaning supplies, concession supplies.

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteers to instruct and train in CPR & AED.

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 tshirts, 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.

Project SEARCH

7301 Rogers Avenue, Lower Level, Fort Smith, AR 72903

501-912-5045, Erin.Riley@accessgroupinc.org

Contact: Erin Riley, Job Development Manager

Mission: Project SEARCH Arkansas: ACCESS Initiative is an innovative job-training program providing a nine-month internship program for young adults, with developmental disabilities

Holiday Wish List– Large refrigerator, air purifier, business casual clothing, 60" TV, used books, loveseat, recliner, cornhole set, outdoor games, board games, clothing hangers, school supplies, hygiene products, treadmill, holiday decorations, and tickets for events.

Volunteer Opportunities– Business Advisory council members, more information found at projectsearcharkansas.org

River Valley Regional Food Bank

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

479-785-0582 hhamilton@cscdcca.org www.rvrfoodbank.org

Contact: Hattie Hamilton, Interim 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– Office Supplies, Copy Paper, Printer Ink for Epson ET-5850 printer. 5 rack stainless steel shelving, monetary donations (or donations in honor or memory of an individual). \$1 provides 10 meals to a family in need.

Volunteer Opportunities– Packing boxes and distribution for USDA distributions, packing and sorting donations, cleaning warehouse, mural painting, packing patrol packs.

The Salvation Army

301 North 6th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

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

Contact: Captains Dakarai & Dominique Darby

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

Holiday Wish List– Wire Basket Carts, Toys for the Angel Tree (<https://www.walmart.com/registry/RR/71caa866-2349-4361-a453-1c5ce1019783>) Paper products (plates, cups, clamshells, napkins), Office supplies (copy paper, cardstock, pens), Craft supplies (ages 6-17), Freightliner M2 pick-up truck, and Food items for Thanksgiving Meal (held on Thanksgiving day 11 AM—1PM)

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.

Scouting America (Natural State Council)

3220 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, AR 72202

501-664-4780, Christian.swaim@scouting.org, www.naturalstatecouncil.org

Contact: Christian Swaim, Director of Field Service

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– 6 – one person kayaks, 6 – kayak paddles, 12 canoe paddles, and 144 Arrows (28" or 30").

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

Sebastian Retired Citizens Association, Inc

2700 Cavanaugh Rd, PO Box 181030, Fort Smith, AR 72908

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

Contact: Deanna Rice, Executive Director

Holiday Wish List– Gift Certificates for oil changes, copy paper, word search books, hot boxes for the home delivered meals, exercise equipment, used vehicles to deliver meals out of, Wal-Mart gift cards,

bingo items such as (laundry soap, paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, kleenex, snacks, bulk food items, someone to build a web page, fuel cards.

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteers to deliver meals, do lawn maintenance, vehicle maintenance.

South Sebastian County Boys & Girls Club

38 Hester Cut Road, PO BOX 219, Greenwood, AR 72936

479-996-6877, sundekenny@gmail.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, audio/visual equipment, children's toys, and school supplies

Stepping Stone School

1036 Hwy 64, PO BOX 2389, Alma, AR 72921

479-632-3813, toniw@sssfec.org

Contact: Toni Wilson, Executive Director

Mission: To support children and adults with developmental disabilities and enhance their quality of life within an environment offering and abundance of opportunity.

Holiday Wish List : Car Seats, 5x7 Area Rugs, Educational Software, Office Supplies, MP3 Players, Industrial Shredder, Board books and Children's books, Tricycles, Electronic Tablets for Non-Verbal Children, Art Supplies, ChildSafe Cars and Trucks, Personal Care Supplies, Mini Refrigerators, Patio Furniture for our Residential Facility, Fork Life for warehouse, CPR/FA Training Materials

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

STEPS Family Resource Center

706 Garrison Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-7837, kathleenp@thestepsinc.org

Contact: Kathleen Parsons, 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 visitation rooms: kitchen playset, video game console, video games, barbies, action figures, floor puzzles, baby dolls. Toy cars, card games, board games, crafts kits, supplies, small sturdy table and chairs, bean bag chairs, toy cubbies and shelving.

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteers at STEPS and The Purple Patch.

United Way of Fort Smith Area

120 North 13th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-782-1311, mkwewers@unitedwayfortsmith.org

Contact: Mary-Kate Wewers, Community Impact 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– Get involved with Day of Caring, Fill the Bus, or create a personalized volunteer project for your family, school, business, or group! Reach out to our office and we'll help you set up a meaningful volunteer experience.

Volunteer and donation opportunities
in Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma.
Create memories with your loved ones this holiday season!
Access this guide at www.unitedwayfortsmith.org

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