

# ECC CARES

## Christmas Gift Gathering for Local Families

Because God gave His Son to meet our need,  
we join Him in giving to others in need.



Each year, many children face a Christmas without gifts because their parents simply cannot afford to purchase them. As a way of expressing God's love to those in need, the Missions-Outreach Team and our children's ministry are co-sponsoring the adopting some local families to help provide gifts for their children. Let's celebrate the gift of His Son as we enter into the joy of giving to others!

WE HAVE TWO TYPES OF GIVING OPPORTUNITIES THIS YEAR: 1) the children and families on this list AND 2) specific children on the Giving Tree (kiosk) located in the Gathering.

### What to Do:

1. Choose one or more children or a family from the list OR from the Giving tree and **pray** for them and their needs **often** in these weeks leading up to the time of giving. Our ministry of prayer can be just as important as our ministry of giving! If you like, you may purchase gifts for more than one child.
2. Turn gifts in as early as possible, but **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15.**  
(NOTE: Due to the many toy recalls, we can accept only new toys.)  
**GIVING TREE GIFTS NEED TO BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN December 5.**
3. Consider writing (or help your child write) a brief note to one of the families or to a child in a family. Be sure to take note of any family information provided and encourage them that God loves them. (Put gender, age, and Family # on note.)
4. Please do NOT wrap gifts – we like to give that experience to the parents themselves. **MARK GIFTS** with THE CHILD'S AGE, IF THE CHILD IS A BOY OR GIRL, & FAMILY NUMBER.
5. If you have children, guide them in purchasing a gift for the child you choose. As a parent, take time to talk with your child about how families can go through hard times financially and how we have the chance to love them as Jesus did through giving. Use this to teach your child compassion. One way to do this is to help your child pick a child close to their age.

**GIFTS MAY BE PLACED IN THE BOX AT THE KIOSK ON ANY SUNDAY  
OR DURING OFFICE HOURS THROUGH THE WEEK.**

5. If the same families are chosen by multiple people, we will make sure that the gifts are evenly distributed so that every child receives a similar number of gifts. We often use the cash donations given to supplement the gifts of children who don't receive as much as others.



## F.A.Q.'s

- 1 WHAT ABOUT THE PARENTS? The parents of the children are sometimes overlooked in giving gifts to children. If anyone is interested in designating a gift for a parent, please write the parent to whom you wish to give, using the Family number. Please designate if you want it used for food, for financial needs, or for a personal gift.
- 2 WANT GIFT IDEAS?: We have asked the families to share with us some of the interests or hobbies of their child, but did not promise any specific items. (Note: We are not accepting any used clothing as donations; please donate such items to Goodwill or the Salvation Army.)
- 3 WOULD MONEY HELP? If anyone would like to give a cash gift to these families or any family, simply write a check to the church or place the money in an envelope and write the family # on it. The families are not given actual cash, but gift cards for Toy stores or food stores. You can also donate online using our church giving.

**FINAL DATE TO BRING IN GIFTS:  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15  
(For Giving Tree, it is December 5.)**



### Family # 1:

This family is currently living in a shelter but hoping to move into a more permanent place before Christmas. The dad is unable to be with his family or support them although he loves them so he talks with them daily. The mom had a job at a restaurant but due to difficult circumstances has had to move around a lot and finally had to leave a place that was unsafe. She has survived a lot of pain and heartache from her childhood on.

When they do get their own place, they will be starting over and the biggest need is kitchen items.

- Boy, Age 2 He likes light up toys, interactive books, stuffed animals, trucks and cars, blocks, tools, and pretend guns. His sizes are 2-3 in pants and shirt and 8-9 toddlers in shoes.
- Girl, Age 7 She is a girly-girl and likes dressing up, beads and stickers, art, dolls, coloring and board games. Her sizes are girls 8 in pants and shirt and 2-3 in shoes.
- Boy, Age 11 This preteen boy likes avenger characters, legos, video games, and board games and card games. His sizes are boys 10-12 and pants and shirt and 6 in shoes.

### Family # 2:

This single mom works a full schedule every week but just doesn't bring in enough to handle all the bills, the kids' activities and a car that constantly breaks down. They could use some bedsheets or blankets.

- Girl, Age 7 This child loves to color, draw, play with barbies, horses and ponies, and my life dolls. She wears girls size 10-12 in pants and shirts and size 2 in girl's shoes.
- Girl, Age 8 This child also loves coloring, drawing, My Little Pony, beads to make necklaces and bracelets and JOJO dolls. She wears girls size 10-12 in pants and shirts and size 3 in girl's shoes.
- Boy, Age 13 This preteen loves basketball, football, athletics, video games and he also loves drawing with pencil, colored pencils or gel pens. He wears size X – XL in men's shirts and pants, and size 11 ½ in men's shoes.

### **Family # 3:**

This family has been through a lot of loss, losing their son last June and the husband just one year before – same day one year apart. The mom works full time but doesn't make enough to support her family. Some of the children are still dealing with a lot of grief issues.

- Girl, Age 7 This girl likes Baby doll clothes, sewing, latch-hook activities. Her sizes are 6 in girls jeans and 7 in girls leggings, 6-7 (skinny) in shirts, and 11 in her shoe size.
- Girl, Age 11 This girl enjoys making slime art and drawing. Her sizes are girl's leggings size large, (she does not wear jeans) a big medium in shirts, and 5 1/2 in women's shoes.
- Girl, Age 17 This teen girl loves arts, crafts and making things. Her sizes are women's 7 in jeans, women's XL in shirt, and women's 6 in shoes.

### **Family # 4**

The mom in this family has a very serious form of cancer and is undergoing treatments right now.

Girl, Age 12

Boy, Age 15

(Sizes and needs for these children available soon.)

### **Family # 5:**

This mom also has stage 4 cancer and is undergoing treatments.

- Girl, Age 12 She likes basketball, Nintendo switch games, drawing and crafting. She's more of a tomboy and likes hoodies. She wears size 16 in girls, and size small in women's.
- Boy, Age 13 This boy likes playstation games, basketball and baseball. He wears size 16 in boys and small in adults.

**One more family with FIVE CHILDREN  
with specific gift requests can be found on the Giving Tree (kiosk) in the  
Gathering. Those gifts due December 5.**

