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Dear Friends,

We are sure that you will agree that every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning. However, often their teenage siblings are left behind. Thanks to Teen Angels like you, Toys for Tots, and our Toy Shop partners, hundreds of our neighborhood children regardless of age will find gifts and joy waiting under their Christmas trees this year.

As we prepare for the upcoming Christmas season, we hope you will join us once again in spreading the spirit of the season and join us in our Christmas Teen Angel Adoption program!

We invite you as a group, business, family or individual to become a Teen Angel! Together we can ensure that teens, 13-17 years of age are not overlooked this holiday season. We know that it is tough to buy for teens - however through the Teen Angel program families provide a wish list, sizes, favorite colors and other personal information to make the gift buying fun and rewarding.

We hope you will complete the Teen Angel Adoption Application and join us in fulfilling Christmas Wishes for area teens this holiday season or one of our other opportunities to make Christmas special for area children and families that works best for you. Completed forms can be mailed, emailed or faxed to The Salvation Army. Additional forms can be downloaded in Christmas tab at <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/TraverseCity/brighten-the-holidays/>.

The Salvation Army Holiday Assistance sign up begins November 5th and runs through November 12th. We will begin to match teens with Teen Angel adoptees as soon as registration is complete. We strive to have everyone matched by Thanksgiving in time to take advantage of the holiday sales. **If you are a first time participant or you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me by phone 231.946.4644 ext. 314 or by e-mail at <mailto:ruth.blick@usc.salvationarmy.org>.**

No child or family should be left out of the wonders of the holidays. For struggling families who do everything in their power to maintain a safe warm home, food on the table and their family clothed -for many Christmas extras is beyond their reach. Together, we can share the true meaning of Christmas, ensure a season bright with smiles, laughter and hope as well and bring families together around the table in fellowship for a Holiday Meal.

Please complete the attached Teen Angel adoption application as soon as possible or select other areas of interest. During the Christmas season and throughout the year there are many ways to get involved! Volunteer as a bell ringer, serve during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Community Meal, assist with Toy Shop set up and distribution and more. Please call me at 946-4644, ext. 314 to find out how you can join the holiday celebrations.

We hope to hear from you soon! Merry Christmas...thank you, and God bless.

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