

UNITED WAY OF FORT SMITH AREA

• **HOLIDAY** •

GIVING GUIDE

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LOVED ONES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



United Way of
Fort Smith Area



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Dear Volunteers and Donors,

As we all prepare for a wonderful holiday season with our friends and families, there are many in our community that are in need. Our partner agencies work diligently day in and day out to help so many in the areas of health, 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 2019 Holiday Giving Guide will make it easier for you to help others while GIVING LOCALLY. Within the 2019 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 thirteenth year of the publication of the Holiday Giving Guide, and we hope you will share it with your friends, co-workers, neighbors, church members, and family members, encouraging them to get involved. Thank you for your generosity of time and resources to help make our community the most caring place to live, and thank you for choosing to GIVE LOCAL.

Yours in Service,



Eddie Lee Herndon, President
United Way of Fort Smith Area

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Tips for using the 2019 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 **2019 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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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, side by side refrigerator for training kitchen, and a load of gravel for parking lot.

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: Micayla Cole, Executive Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Bottled drinks and water, individually wrapped snacks, popcorn kernels, oil and popcorn salt, art supplies, office supplies, self-sealing 9x6 manila envelopes, ink cartridges for printers, copy paper, industrial mop head, trash bags, cleaning supplies, paper towels, disposable plates, bowls, flatware and napkins. Xbox 360 Kinect sports games, frames for displaying paintings, G-PG 13 DVDs.

Volunteer Opportunities– Help serve food at the Christmas party on December 14 from 5:00-8:00PM at Cavanaugh Senior Center, volunteer support at special events, and public venues to display member artwork.

Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund Region 8

5401 Rogers Avenue, Suite 204, Fort Smith, AR 72903
479-927-1402 ext. 11 rhill@aspsf.org
Contact: Ruthanne Hill, Executive Director

Abbie Taylor Cox, Development Manager

479-927-1402 ext. 21 acox@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– Food baskets suitable for single parents and their children, financial support to provide scholarships for full time and part time students, job preparation workshops, gas cards, and dinner for recipient/alumni meetings.

Volunteer Opportunities– Scholarship selection, program, fundraising committees, tutoring, and Christmas help with mail outs, data entry, and miscellaneous admin duties.

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– Sponsorships: one scout for one year, day of scouting, scout uniform, and camper-ships.

Volunteer Opportunities– Merit badge counselors.

The Boys Shelter

5904 Zero St, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-646-2819, boyshelter@cox.net, www.fortsmithboysshelter.org

Contact: Eddie Donovan

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– Mini van or SUV for local appointments, cleaning supplies, 55 gallon trash bags, paper towels, laundry detergent, weed eater and leaf blower.

Boys & Girls Club of the Alma Area

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

479-632-2070, elainabgca@gmail.com

Contact: Elaine Damante, Executive Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Couches, comfortable chairs, giant games, corn hole, airsoft table, Xbox controllers and games, baby dolls, DVDs (G or PG), board games, gaming consoles, balls and hula hoops.

Boys & Girls Club of LeFlore County

305 Clayton Ave. Poteau, OK 74953

918-647-7136, ceobgclc@gmail.com

Contact: Arielle Perry, 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– Board games, snacks, dry erase boards for wall, bulletin boards, ping pong paddles, office chairs, copy machine, cleaning supplies, gardening supplies, craft supplies (paint, foam, washable markers, pencil sharpeners).

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteers to help with tutoring/homework, yardwork, and handyman work.

Boys & Girls Club of Paris

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

479-963-3577 holly@parisbgc.org

Contact: Holly Hurst, Unit Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Four large benches for basketball court seating, new board games and card games, art and craft supplies, flags for capture the flag game, florescent bulb replacements, flower bed wood replacement, bookshelf, trailer for moving large items and haul children for Christmas float and hay rides.

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

Boys & Girls Club of Sequoyah County

111 N. Elm Street, Unit C, PO BOX 1028, Sallisaw, OK 74955

918-775-4659, bgcseq@msn.com

Contact: 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– 7 fixed camera surveillance system with 2 portable cameras, commercial ice machine, 2 surround systems, 8ft fence, member of the month sponsorships.

Volunteer Opportunities– Grant writer.

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, large finish mower, soccer field concession and restrooms building, folding table and chairs for art room, cards and board games, LED flat screen for gaming, gaming systems..

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- 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.

Volunteer Opportunities– PRIDE Trainers

CASA of Crawford County Inc.

1112 Main Street, Van Buren, AR 72956

479-474-8502 21casadirector@gmail.com

Contact: Celeste Lewis, Executive Director, Shannon Gordon

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– Gifts for children ages newborn to 18. Christmas wrapping paper or gift bags. Filled stockings for the children. Coats all sizes. Make-up kits, blankets, purses, wallets, iPods, earbuds or wireless headphones, diaries/journals, gift cards (Walmart, Target, Old Navy, Shoe Carnival), activity gift cards (movies, Hog Wild, Chuckie Cheese). Hygiene supplies (shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant), diapers.

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteers to help wrap gifts for children December 10. Social media and web-page design and office help.

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 CASA of Sebastian County program for 4 new volunteer trainings throughout 2019-2020, so more kids in Sebastian county foster care can have a CASA volunteer and know they are not list in the "system".

Children's Emergency Shelter

3015 South 14th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-783-0018, info@fscs.org, www.childrensemergencyshelter.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– Shoes, sweats, beanies, hoodies, socks, house shoes, pajamas, scarves, hygiene products, Axe body sprays, make-up kits, purses, Bluetooth speakers, wallets, boots, hair straighteners, curling irons & wands, video games, cash, journals, photo frames, tablets, laptops, Xbox & PlayStation 4 with games, gift cards (to the mall, Walmart, fast food, restaurants, Visa, Game Stop), popular electronics, trendy teenage and pre-teen apparel, stocking stuffers, paper products (paper plates, napkins, paper towels), and non-perishable food items.

Community Dental Clinic

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

479-782-6021, lwoodard@cscdcca.org

Contact: Lisa Woodard, Director

Mission: To give our community confidence to Smile again by providing quality volunteer dental care to families with no to low income.

Holiday Wish List– 1 iPad for dentists, digital wrist cuff for blood pressure, Fixodent or Polident, denture boxes, bus passes, electric toothbrushes (children & adult), cable, toy chest, children's activity table, awning for front and back doors.

Volunteer Opportunities- Organizing a fundraiser and financial support for fillings and basic dental needs.

Center for Arkansas Legal Services

901 S 21st St, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-785-5211

Contact: Lexi Acello or Michelle Medina, Volunteer Coordinators

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- Office supplies as well as coloring books, crayons, and children's books for the waiting area.

Volunteer Opportunities- Clerical or paralegal services, notary services, and pro bono/volunteer attorneys are welcome.

Community Services Clearinghouse

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

479-782-5074, tami_kuhns.clearinghouse@yahoo.com, www.cscclearinghouse.org

Contact: Tami Kuhns, Executive Director

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 kids or elderly).

Volunteer Opportunities– Youth groups to sing Christmas Carols during the family distribution day and Christmas wrapping. Call Tami at 479-782-5074 for details on holiday programs.

Comprehensive Juvenile Services, Inc.

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

479-785-4031, Justice@jpa.net, www.cjsinc.org

Contact: Janice Justice, Executive Director

Mission: Redirecting the lives of youth and families of Western Arkansas by providing a variety of services to 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- Sweat pants, shirts, socks, and underwear for teens, toiletries, art supplies, board games, Wii games for teens, school supplies, gift cards, tickets for cultural events, recreational equipment, and twin size mattresses.

Volunteer Opportunities- Adult mentors to volunteer to spend a few hours a week one-on-one with teenage youth.

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– Paper products, bottled water, Christmas assistance for students.

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– 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– Car seats of all sizes, strollers of all sizes, bath towels, twin sheets and blankets, laundry baskets, Walmart gift cards to be used for resident needs such as medicine or hygiene products.

Volunteer Needs– Childcare on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m., guest mentors to speak to survivors.

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 Needs– 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

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

479-782-1311, cterry@unitedwayfortsmith.org

Contact: Carrie Terry, Imagination Library Coordinator

Mission: A program of the United Way of Fort Smith Area, Inc. that works to ensure children enter kindergarten ready to learn by building their own library.

Holiday Wish List - Gifts in honor or memory of an individual (\$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, Amy@Reynoldscancersupporhouse.org

Contact: Amy Willadsen, Outreach Coordinator

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- \$15-\$25 gift cards (Walmart, Target, movies, fast food restaurants, Chuck E Cheese, Hog Wild), frozen turkeys or hams, non-perishable food items, and nutrition drinks (Boost, Ensure, Carnation), toiletries, cleaning supplies, gift wrap, tape, gift bags, tissue paper, and gift tags.

Volunteer Needs– December 12-December 20 to help shop, wrap gifts, sort food, and distribute gifts.

Fort Smith Boys & Girls Club (Stephens, Jeffery, Goldtrap-Gardner, Evans)

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 close to 4,000 area young people (ages 6-18), by helping members develop qualities needed to become responsible citizens and leaders.

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

Jeffrey Unit-4905 North O Street Fort Smith, AR 72904 479-782-8016

Evans Unit-6015 Boys Club Lane Fort Smith, AR 72908 479-646-9519

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

Holiday Wish List– Toys, pool table, foosball table, video games, DVD movies (G or PG), sponsorship for free club membership and activity fee, riding lawn mower.

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- Backpacks, school supplies, hygiene products, educational games, journals.

Volunteer Opportunities- Assist in distributing holiday gifts, assemble backpacks, and assemble Parent Information Handbooks.

Fort Smith Public Schools Parents as Teachers Program

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

479-784-8182, 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, hygiene products, children books, educational games.

Gateway Recovery Center

3900 Armour Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72904

479-783-8849, lfox@recoveryhhi.org

Contact: Leshia Fox, Program Operations Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Outdoor shed, new gutters, bicycles (women & children), gift cards (Walmart, Amazon), shower gel, lotion, chap stick, bath towels, wash cloths, pillows, arts and crafts supplies, board games, DVD's, diapers/pull-ups, bottles, children's books and children's educational toys.

Girl Scouts - Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas

5705 Gordon Lane, Fort Smith, AR 72903

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

Contact: Lisa Hannon, FDO

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 for troops, events, and programs.

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 young women 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, marydale@girlsshelterfs.org

Contact: Mary Dale Colvett, Executive Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Laundry detergent, paper towels, tickets to area events/movies/trampoline park, bath towels, hair products, and facial cleaners.

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– hygiene supplies (shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes), laundry detergent, Clorox wipes, white socks, copy paper, Office Depot gift card for printer ink.

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

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.

Volunteer Opportunities– Volunteers at the ReStore and on construction sites.

Hamilton House Child Safety Center

2713 South 74th, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-783-1002, director@hhsafetycenter.org

Contact: Jackie Hamilton, 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– Small items for good bags (toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel size toiletries, bubbles, matchbook cars, silly bands, beads, balls, magnets, pencil toppers), card games, crayons, colored pencils, pens, coloring/activity books, notebooks/journals, backpacks, tote bags.

Hamilton House Community Resource Center

2705 B Oak Lane, Van Buren, AR 72956

479-471-5980 Ext. 2123, Kimberly@hhsafetycenter.org

Contact: Kim Whorton, Resource Coordinator

Mission: Provides resource information, referrals and direct services to individuals and families.

Holiday Wish List– Gas cards and gift cards (\$10 or \$20 to assist families with gas, groceries or utility bills), notebooks, journals, pens, pencils, and pocket folders.

Harbor House, Inc.

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

479-785-4083, jwooding@recoveryhhi.org

Contact: Jimmie Wooding, Executive Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Dishes, utensils, pots and pans, underwear for men and women, socks and shoes, washers and dryers, vacuum cleaners, pool table, ping pong table, transport van, and commercial walk-in cooler or freezer.

HOPE Campus

301 South E Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901
479-668-4764, development@riverviewhopecampus.org
Contact: Stephanie Wormke

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– Twin sheets and blankets, razors, shaving cream, cotton swabs, towels, toothbrushes, foot powder, #10 canned goods (fruit, vegetables, baked beans, spaghetti sauce, etc.), office supplies, copy paper, trash bags (13 & 34 gallon), and Pine-Sol.

Volunteer Opportunities– Serving meals, working the front desk, teaching classes/groups.

Heart to Heart Pregnancy Support Center

417 South 16th, Fort Smith, AR 72901
479-452-2260, H2H.Admin@cox-internet.com
Contact: Candice Irving-Caputo, Center Director

Mission: Helping young girls, women, men and families who are expecting an unplanned pregnancy. Offer free pregnancy tests, "Earn While You Learn" parenting classes, baby supply closet, "Baby & Me Boutique" maternity closet, adoption referrals, peer-counseling, family reunification classes, and our "True Choices" Community Outreach Program.

Holiday Wish List- Diapers/pull-ups -all sizes (especially sizes 3, 4 and 5), baby and toddler clothes, baby socks, baby wash products, baby formula and food, bibs, larger blankets, crib sheets, winter hats, and gloves, 5 large locking file cabinets. Maternity clothing and new baby items for "Mommy Boutique". New toys for our "Adopt a Family" clients.

Volunteer Opportunities– Atrium up keep, client advocates, 24/7 dad mentor, breast feeding advocates, certified car seat techs to instruct our clients during our classes, diaper drive/sippy cup and sock drive organizers, partnerships with local businesses for "Tiney Hiney" diaper drives for our babies.

Lincoln Childcare Center

1415 North 9th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901
479-782-4997, lincolnchild2@aol.com
Contact: Jennifer Rudder, Executive Director

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

Holiday Wish List– Children's books (cloth, board, plastic), wipes, wash cloths, pull-ups, bibs, construction, drawing, and paint paper, arts/crafts supplies (tissue paper, glue sticks, paints, beads, pompoms, cardstock, pens, Velcro dots, googly eyes, markers, colored pencils, foam shapes, cotton balls, paper plates, chubby crayons, pipe cleaners, etc.), teething toys, size 3T-5T pants, boys and girls underwear, portable crib sheets, children's toys, playground toys, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, copy paper and Kleenex. Special donations to help recover from the floor, tile, paint, or help with the repairs still needed.

Volunteer Opportunities– Read to classrooms, weed the flower beds, and rock babies.

Literacy Council of Western Arkansas

300 S. 11th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72902
479-783-2665, helptoread@lcowa.com
Contact: Heather Edwards, 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, spiral notebooks, pencils, matching sets of bookshelves, office furniture set (desk/hutch).

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

New Start for Children & Families, Inc.

4401 Kibler Rd, 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– Sleeping bags, sterno, tarps, clothing (adult winter gloves, scarves, knit hats, adult white socks, backpacks for adults, adult men and women's new underwear), hygiene supplies (travel size deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, Q-tips, floss, disposable razors, small brushes and combs), copy paper, paper towels, toilet paper, Clorox liquid bleach, file folders (non-legal size), legal size white envelopes, carpet for emergency day shelter, Walmart gift cards for purchasing food and supplies, and bus tickets.

Volunteer Opportunities– cook a meal in the day shelter, adopt an individual or group home for the holidays (provide a meal or holiday gift), provide holiday Friday good bags for homeless clients (85 individuals), provide holiday entertainment such as music in the day shelter.

Ozark Area Youth Organization

720 North 29th Street, PO BOX 388, Ozark, AR 72949

479-209-7802 jerrod.burns@ozarkhillbillies.org

Contact: Jerrod Burns, Executive Director

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

Holiday Wish List– 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– Youth groups to sing Christmas Carols and assist with special events in November and December. New sweatshirts, sweatpants, nightgowns, pajama sets, lounge pants, solid color t-shirts, house shoes (closed heel), large print Bibles, books, and crossword puzzles, puzzles with large pieces, large size playing cards, small personal Kleenex packages, cheerful note cards-blank inside, small hand lotions, blankets, cases of copy paper, cotton and felt fabric, zippers, large buttons to make fidget blankets for Alzheimer residents, gift cards \$10 and \$25 for Walmart, Target, fast food restaurants for special wish items and meals.

Holiday Volunteer Opportunities– Visitors, youth groups, and families to make visits to nursing home and assisted living residents on weekends and evenings. Musicians and groups to entertain residents during the holidays. Volunteers to help sort, pack and deliver gifts to the 26 facilities during November and December.

All Year Volunteer Opportunities- Volunteers to visit one on one with nursing home residents, help with activities, birthday and holiday parties, crafts, door decorations, worship services, call Bingo, play piano or other instruments, gospel singers, groups to write cheerful notes to residents. Volunteers to help sort, pack and deliver gifts to the 26 facilities during November and December. 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– Holiday food gifts, toiletries/personal items, gift cards to beauty shops, clothing, Christian bookstore, shoe store, movies, and bowling.

River Valley Regional Food Bank

1617 Zero St, PO BOX 180070 Fort Smith, AR 72914
479-785-0582 tengel@cscdcca.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, wall air-conditioning unit, projector, laminator, office supplies (copy paper, hanging folders), sponsorship of brochure printing, and gifts in honor or memory of an individual (\$25 to provide 175 meals: \$50 to provide 350 meals: \$100 to provide 700 meals).

Volunteer Opportunities– Development committee, warehouse food sorters, office help, warehouse cleaners. Go to www.facebook.com/rvrfoodbank to find out more.

The Salvation Army

301 North 6th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901
479-783-6145, jonathan.gainey@uss.salvationarmy.org
Contact: Major Jonathan Gainey

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

Volunteer Opportunities– Bell ringers from November 29 through December 24. Consider ringing for a day with your family, friends, Sunday School class, or home group. Call Susan at 479-285-0815 to get on the schedule. Cook and serve in the Red Shield Diner. Contact Acie Turner at 479-420-7760 to schedule your night.

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– Automatic bingo machine, bingo cards, puzzles, cards, coffee, vehicle, and trailer.

Volunteer Opportunities– Individuals to deliver meals from 9:30AM-2:00PM and janitorial services from 8:00AM-3:00PM.

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.

St. Luke Lutheran Church

5401 Free Ferry Rd, Fort Smith, AR 72903
479-452-2385, stlukelutheranfs.org
Contact: Pastor Steve

Mission: Loving and serving our Lord. Loving and serving one another.

Holiday Wish List– Soup in quart containers for the Souper Sunday giveaway on December 8. Please label and freeze the soup and drop off in quart containers from 9am-2pm, Monday-Thursday or by appointment. Souper Sunday provides those who rely on the blessing box through the month to be able to drive through the blessing box area and receive a quart of homemade soup and bread for up to 4 people or 2 quarts for over 4 people.

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– 5' x 7' carpets, books, dress up clothes, book shelves, arts/crafts supplies, baby dolls, stacking rings, magnetic toys/puzzles, short sleeve shirts, tricycles, socks, underwear, diapers/pull-ups, baby wipes, playdough, play dishes/food, hot wheels, child safe cars and trucks sprinklers, bubbles, sponge balls, playground balls, play sand, books, copy paper, and notebook paper, car seats, fork lift, MP3 players, color laser printer.

Volunteer Needs– Assist with answering phone and greeting visitors, February 11-14 help with Valentine fundraiser (assembling and delivering candy and balloon bouquets).

United Way of Fort Smith Area

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

479-782-1311, elherndon@unitedwayfortsmith.org

Contact: Eddie Lee Herndon, President

Mission: To improve lives by connecting people and resources in our six-county area.

Holiday Wish List- Gifts in honor or memory of individuals to support the annual fundraising campaign or the endowment.

We Care Foundation

PO BOX 3431, Fort Smith, AR 72903

479-782-8822, wecarefoundationfs@gmail.com

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

Holiday Wish List– Gloves and hats sizes toddler to adult, Girls and boys underwear sizes toddler to adult medium, socks sizes toddler to adult, coloring books, crayons, Christmas gift bags sizes medium and large.

Volunteer Needs- Office help and special events help.

Volunteer and donation

opportunities in Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma

Create memories with your loved ones this holiday season

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