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2016 EFNT HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In the ongoing effort to promote “good corporate citizenship,” EFNT is delighted to provide the following “short list” of holiday volunteer opportunities for our Member Companies. This is not an exhaustive list of holiday volunteer opportunities in the DFW area, but it is a good representative list of volunteer opportunities with organizations EFNT has either worked with in the past or is confident that they will provide you and your company with a positive volunteer experience.

In the holiday spirit, please review the following list that includes volunteer opportunities that can be hosted at your company or off-site at the non-profit. Simply select the one that works best for you and your team, connect with the contact person, and enjoy your holiday service!

If you chose to work with any of the organizations listed below, please be sure to share what you did with us, capture your volunteer hours and take a lot of pictures!

Please contact Melissa Johnston mjohnston@cftexas.org if you have any questions.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

MI ESCUELITA

Mi Escuelita is always in need of in-kind donations especially particularly schools supplies and paper goods. For groups that can't make it out of the office but would like to do something to make a big difference, organizing a donation drive is a great fit. For more information about what is needed, see our wish list on our website or inquire for more details.

WEBSITE: Miescuelita.org

LOCATION: Various locations

CONTACT: Roxanne Pittman
Rpittman@miescuelita.org or 214-526-0220

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: *Classroom Santa*

Adopt a class of 20 children for the holidays. Mi Escuelita will provide you with a child's name and information on that child. We would like each child to receive a coat, shoes, and a toy. Bring the gifts and host a holiday party or we can come collect the gifts from your office.

DATE: Gifts need to be given to children by December 15th.

CASA OF COLLIN COUNTY

CASA of Collin County promotes and protects the best interests of children who have been abused or neglected by training volunteer advocates to improve the child's quality of life and serves as their voice within the court system to ensure they are placed in a safe, permanent and loving home.

WEBSITE: www.casaofcollincounty.org

LOCATION:

CONTACT: Madison Savage-Durr
msavage@casaofcollincounty.org or 972-529-2272

101 East Davis Street, McKinney, TX 75069

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: *2016 Holiday Program*

CASA seeks to distribute holiday gifts to deserving children, ages, newborn to 18 years old, who are currently in foster care! By participating in CASA's Holiday Toy Drive, you can help provide necessities and holiday gifts to children who may not otherwise have much to celebrate during the holidays.

We have two options:

Adopt-A-Child or children

Organize a Toy Drive at your place of business, or community organization.

DATE: Now-December 9th.

DALLAS CASA

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Dallas CASA volunteers advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children under the protective care of the state, so they will have safe, permanent homes where they can thrive.

WEBSITE: www.dallascasa.org

CONTACT: Sharon Balaban
Sbalaban@dallascasa.org or (469) 547-9455

LOCATION:

2757 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Angel Tree Gifts Program*

Corporations and organizations commit to taking a certain number of angel requests, fulfilling the gift wish and returning unwrapped gifts to Dallas CASA, so that no child with CASA volunteer advocate is without a gift at the holidays.

DATE: Angel cards ready Nov. 7th, gifts returned to Dallas CASA on or before December 2nd.

LOCATION: 2757 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Winter Warmth Drive*

Drives may be held at any time between now and Dec. 2nd, for winter warmth items: scarves, gloves, hats, ear muffs.

DATE: Items may be delivered to Dallas CASA between now and Dec. 2nd.

LOCATION: 2757 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMUNITY PARTNERS INC.

Community Partners of Dallas, a 501© (3) nonprofit organization established in 1989, initiates, develops, and supports projects that enable Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers to make the most positive impact possible on the victims of child abuse in Dallas County, and those who are at risk. Our organization is unique in that no other nonprofit agency in the Dallas County area meets this specific need. The mission of Community Partners of Dallas is to ensure safety and restore dignity and hope to abused and neglected children by providing resources and support to the caseworkers of Dallas County Child Protective Services. Our programs have been replicated in more than 155 cities in Texas.

WEBSITE: www.communitypartnersdallas.org

CONTACT: Corinne S. Karp
Corinne@cpdtx.org
(214) 624-7588

LOCATION:

1215 Skiles Street, Dallas, TX 75204

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Toy Drive*

Collect toys or make a donation to Community Partners of Dallas Toy Drive.

DATE: Collection timeframe – Now through December 9th at 1:00pm.

CHILD CARE GROUP

Provides childcare for the children of Dallas that live below the poverty line.

WEBSITE: www.ChildCareGroup.org

CONTACT: Mary Ann Hoover
Mhoover@ccgroup.org or 214-904-2402

LOCATION:

Various

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Turkey Party*

Read a Thanksgiving themed book and do a craft with cute children. Bring a turkey for each of the 6 classrooms to be given to a family in need.

DATE: November 17th, 9:00am-11:00a LOCATION: Landauer Center, 4539 Munger Ave. Dallas, TX 75204

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Playground Fix Up*

Paint a fence and replace old benches for teachers. Add flower pots with flowers around doors, and wreaths for the fall.

DATE: November 2nd, 9:00am-12:00pm LOCATION: DBC Center, 4410 Leland, Dallas, TX 75215

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 3: *Holiday Santa Party*

Read Holiday books and do a craft with cute children. Bring each child an educational gift and have a Santa pass them out.

DATE: December 2nd, 9:00am-11:00am LOCATION: Bock Center, 407 W. Tenth St., Dallas, TX 75208

DALLAS CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

The mission of the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC) is to improve the lives of abused children in Dallas County and provide national leadership on child abuse issues. At DCAC, we use the voices of courageous child abuse victims to bring them justice, hope, and healing.

WEBSITE: www.dcac.org

CONTACT: Becky Aguilar
baguilar@dcac.org or 214-818-2633

LOCATION:

5351 Samuell Blvd., Dallas, TX 75228

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Toy Drive*

DCAC annually hosts Holiday of Hope, a gift drive for Dallas County's most severely abused children. The center welcomes agencies' participation in Holiday of Hope by adopting Children from our Center and purchasing gifts from their wish lists. Donor groups may participate according to their own timelines. DCAC requests that donations arrive at the Center no later than 3:00pm on Saturday, December 10th to fulfill our clients' holiday wishes.

DATE: At donors' discretion.

LOCATION: At donors' discretion.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Clothes Closet Drive (Diapers, wipes, and toiletries)*

Through its Clothes Closet, DCAC provides new clothes, toys, cleaning supplies, and other essentials to our families of EFNT Holiday Volunteer Opportunities 2016

abused children to alleviate some of the financial burden they face in their day-to-day lives. The Clothes Closet is running very low in its supply of diapers, wipes, bottles, pacifiers and toiletries including kids' shampoo/conditioner, body soap/deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrushes, and feminine hygiene products. DCAC welcomes donor participation in a drive to supply these critical needs to our families.

DATE: At donors' discretion.

LOCATION: At donors' discretion.

EDUCATIONAL FIRST STEPS

Since 1990, Educational First Steps (EFS) has been transforming well-meaning but resource constrained daycare centers into high quality nationally accredited preschools to turn caregiving into teaching.

WEBSITE: www.educationalfirststeps.org

CONTACT: Coral Bell
Cbell@educationalfirststeps.org or 214-824-7940 Ext:252

LOCATION: Various

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Stuff a Backpack not a Stocking*

This holiday season, we're asking the community to help us fill 1,000 backpacks with fun, educational toys, games, books and activities that encourage learning at home during the holiday break.

DATE: Backpacks will be distributed mid-December

LOCATION: Donations can be dropped off at our Dallas office located at 2815 Gaston Ave., Dallas, TX 75226 anytime Mon.-Fri. from 9am to 4pm.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Classroom Supply Drive*

We are always accepting classroom/art supply donations on behalf of our independently owned partner centers, as they are tasked with providing all of their classrooms with the necessary materials to facilitate high quality learning.

DATE: Ongoing

LOCATION: Donations can be dropped off at our Dallas office located at 2815 Gaston Ave., Dallas, TX 75226 anytime Mon.-Fri. from 9am to 4pm.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 3: *Reading Activity with the Children*

Community, Corporate, and University groups are always welcome to take part in a reading activity at a partner center which includes reading a pre-selected children's book and doing interactive, educational activities related to the book that foster creativity and learning through play.

DATE: Ongoing

LOCATION: We have over 90 partner centers across North Texas to choose from.

HEART HOUSE

Heart House is a nonprofit that provides safety, education and opportunity to refugee and underprivileged children.

WEBSITE: www.hearthousedallas.org

CONTACT: Lenita Dunlap
Ldunlap@hearthousedallas.org or 972-207-6106

LOCATION:

Various

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Festival of Lights*

Festival of Lights is a community wide event that celebrates the diversity of Vickery Meadow and promotes unity and peace. We would like companies to host a table with games, giveaways and/or holiday treats.

DATE: Tuesday, December 6th. 4pm to 7pm.

LOCATION: 8255 Park Lane, Dallas, TX 75231

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Holiday Party*

Host a holiday party for 30 students. Create a theme, buy presents and create a memorable experience. We would love for the students to experience something new. You can take them to ice skating at Galleria, go carts, IFly, Whirley ball, a day in the park with soccer etc, something creative to promote physical activity,

DATE: Ongoing

LOCATION: Depends on where activity is being held.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 3: *Giving Hearts*

Giving Hearts is a holiday shopping and giving event that allows company members to donate gift cards to Target (or other department stores) in \$25+ increments. This gift card will be given to students to shop for their families during the holiday season. Many students have desires to buy gifts during the holiday but may not have the financial resources. When they received toys and gifts, they would re-gift and give to younger sibling. So this opportunity would help empower them. The company could pick a day to go shopping with our students, build relationships, helping them with their speaking skills. Then we would culminate the day with lunch.

DATE: Ongoing

LOCATION: Depends on where activity is being held.

SPARK!

The SPARK! Mission is to ignite the spark of creativity inherent in all children. When children self-define as creative, they have higher self-esteem, better problem solving skills, and go further in their education. SPARK! Helps children develop their self-definition as creative by providing a wildly creative environment and hands-on activities that lead children in the discovery of their full creative potential. Current programs include: week-long camps, group field trips, public hours and Metamorphosis Project which provides low-income children with multiple creative engagements.

WEBSITE: www.sparkdallas.org

LOCATION:

1409 S. Lamar Street, Suite 004

Dallas, TX 75215

CONTACT: Lori Carey

Lcarey@sparkdallas.org or (214) 421-7727

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: *SPARK! Public Hours- Holiday themed*

SPARK! Is open to the public every Saturday for families to explore our wildly creative environment and engage in pop-up creative activities. On December 3rd and 10th we will have holiday-themed activities for children to learn about the importance of giving back to the community. All visitors will be able to create hand-made journals and nightlights to be gifted to children living in transitional housing. Volunteers will be needed to assist with the activities and for clean-up.

DATE: December 3rd and 10th, 9:30am to 4:30pm (flexible with timeframe)

LOCATION: 1409 S. Lamar Street, Suite 004, Dallas, TX 75215

CAMP SUMMIT, INC.

Camp Summit is a "sleep away" camp for children and adults with disabilities. We offer weeklong camp sessions during spring break, summer and fall months as well as weekend sessions and respite days. Campers are offered a wide variety of traditional camp activities in our barrier-free environment all of which are adapted for our campers' abilities and not limited to their abilities.

WEBSITE: <http://www.campsummittx.org>

LOCATION:

CONTACT: Lisa Braziel

Various

Camp@campsummittx.org or 972-484-8900

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Volunteer at Camp Summit!*

Spend the day at camp-leading activities like arts & crafts, sports & games, nature, and so much more! We are looking for groups in varying numbers of all ages. Volunteers should have a strong desire to work with our special campers.

SERVICE DATE: November 4th- November 18th

LOCATION: Camp Summit: 270 Private Road 3475, Paradise, TX 76073

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Camp Summit Boots & Bandanas Dinner & Auction*

As Camp Summit's largest fundraising event of the year, we have many ways you can get involved to help make the night a huge success! Send mailings, make baskets, do morning-of set-up!

SERVICE DATE: All month, November 2016; Event date: November 3rd 2016.

LOCATION: 17210 Campbell Road, Suite 180-W, Dallas, TX 75252

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 3: *Volunteer in Camp Summit's Corporate Office!*

Camp Summit is thankful for its volunteers- not only at camp, but in the office too! Think you have great people skills,

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organization, and a “can do!” attitude? Come help out in our office, and create opportunities for Camp Summit to reach new heights!

SERVICE DATE: Weekdays Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

LOCATION: 17210 Campbell Road, Suite 180-W, Dallas, TX 75252

JONATHAN’S PLACE

For the past 25 years Jonathan’s Place has cared for over 4,700 abused, abandoned, and neglected children. We give them love, support, comfort and protection from adults that are their primary care giver. As we all know, parents should love, protect and care for their children. When that care is abusive in anyway, the child is brought to Jonathan’s Place. Our emergency shelter, girls residential therapeutic program, foster care and adoption program, Safe Place and transitional living program are created to address the vital needs of children ages newborn to 18, who have no one to support their growth, development and transitions through life. Jonathan’s Place is devoted to giving every child that comes through our doors a safe place, loving home and a promising future by offering a continuum of care to abused children. Child abuse has no set time, date, season or reason. Jonathan’s Place is open 24hours a day,365 days a year to children in crisis that need a home, food, clothing, medical care, safety and love.

WEBSITE: www.jpkids.org

CONTACT: Landon Cole

Lcole@kidnet.org or 972-303-5303 Ext: 248

LOCATION:

Various

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Outing for Children*

Provide a fun outing for the children in the emergency shelter or girls residential treatment program to either bowling, movie, Main Event, etc.

DATE: The week of 12/19/16

LOCATION: Based on outing

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Christmas Party*

Have a Christmas Party for the children in the emergency shelter or girls residential treatment program at Jonathan’s Place.

DATE: Flexible

LOCATION: 6065 Duck Creek Drive, Garland, TX

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DATE: The week of 11/21/16

LOCATION: Based on outing

UNITED THROUGH H.O.P.E

United Through H.O.P.E offers over 19 programs that enhance social and leadership skills for children ages 3 to young adult. These are skills that everyone need, but kids with an identified issue or disability may need extra help to fully develop. Additionally, we have 3 programs that are specifically for parents to participate in to assist in the bonding process and social development of their child.

WEBSITE: www.unitedthroughhope.org

LOCATION: Various

CONTACT: Dr. Laurie Harrier
info@unitedthroughhope.org or 214-460-7922

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Deck staining*

If our decks and walk up ramp to our entryway could talk they would scream for a makeover. Our back deck is one of the favorite places for our kids to play army, attack, and sit and socialize. Our front deck is our socialization hub after our groups where they gather and hang out while waiting to head out to their parents after an afternoon and evening of fun. Of course our ramp walk up is the place where first impressions are made and ours right now is screaming "ugh". All three areas need to be cleaned and stained so they scream an invitation to fun. The back deck area is 10x20, the front deck is 8x6, and the walkway ramp entryway is 4x15.

LOCATION: 503 Bolivar Street, Denton, TX 76201

DATE: Any Sunday is preferred as we do not have clients on that day, although if needed during Monday-Wednesday is fine too.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *It's a Party!! Costume Drive*

We often throw themed parties for our kids at United Through H.O.P.E, but even if it's not a party who does not love dressing up and imagining to be something else? Nothing brings a smile to our kids faces more than throwing on a costume. Pirates, ghosts, ninja turtles, princess, doctor, Jedi, etc. Any new or used costume will do. Accessories are always a plus, think costume jewelry, tiaras, crowns, hats, masks, swords, pretend weapons, shields, etc. Even the old fancy dresses and long gloves are a love.

LOCATION: Open to the group that picks up this event.

DATE: Open to the group that picks up this event.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 3: *Bonding Buckets Toy Drive*

At United Through H.O.P.E we have a large population of children on the autism spectrum along with children who are having difficulty bonding with their parents' wishes. We have a special program to our families to be part of where for 10 weeks we help them develop an immense rewarding bond with their child through play. To do this each family is provided a Bonding Bucket. This bucket has an assortment of toys that is used strictly during their special play time to bond with their children. These toys are meant to create imaginative play, increase choices and reflection of feelings with their child, and increase flexibility and perspective taking. The entire family participates in this program and the results have been amazing!

LOCATION: Open to the group who picks up this project.

DATE: Open to the group who picks up this project

WORKING POOR / HOMELESS

NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK

NTFB is a top-ranked nonprofit hunger-relief organization, and the largest North Texas charity. Each day, NTFB provides access to 170,000 nutritious meals for hungry children, seniors and families through a network of more than 1,000 feeding programs and 262 Partner Agencies. In fiscal year 2015, NTFB provided access to some 63 million meals but the need for hunger relief in North Texas today is much larger. To combat increasing food insecurity in North Texas, the Food Bank recently launched a 10- year plan to provide access to 92 million nutritious meals annually by 2025, a nearly 50 percent increase from the current output. NTFB is a member of Feeding America, a national hunger relief organization.

WEBSITE: <http://ntfb.volunteerhub.com/events/index>

CONTACT: volunteer@ntfb.org

LOCATION:

Various

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Volunteer at Our Community Pantry*

Help receive, inventory and stock weekly delivery. Must be 16 years old and be able to lift 30 pounds. Closed toed shoes required.

LOCATION: 1502 Pennsylvania Ave, Dallas, TX 75215

DATE: December 1st, 9am-1pm

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Volunteer at Our Community Pantry*

Food Pantry Volunteer-Greet and assist clients in shopping, stock items in the pantry, bag fresh produce, operate register to check out groceries, bag and carry out for clients.

LOCATION: 1502 Pennsylvania Ave. Dallas, TX 75215

DATE: Thursday, December 22nd, 1pm-5pm

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 3: *Greet and Assist Clients*

Like a market on wheels, the North Texas Food Bank's Mobile Pantry program is a traveling pantry that delivers nutritious food, including fresh produce and refrigerated items, directly to communities with high need. A minimum of 3,000 pounds of food from NTFB's warehouse is loaded onto a truck and delivered to a host site to feed 100-300 families. NTFB staff and host site unload, set up and distribute food directly to clients in an outdoor setting, like a farmer's market, or in a large indoor space, such as gymnasium or community center.

LOCATION: 128 Burns, Seagoville, TX 75159

DATE: Saturday, December 17th, 9am-11am

FAMILY GATEWAY

We believe in “Housing First”. We don’t believe that homeless families should have to prove they are “ready” to have a home. The instability of homeless is traumatic for children and devastating to a child’s brain development. Some shelters require families to be working before they are given shelter. Family Gateway does not erect those kinds of barriers to entry. We believe in providing housing first, and then wrapping trauma-informed services around our families to help break the cycle of poverty. The “Housing First” approach is well documented in the literature as the optimal approach to supporting homeless children and their families. We accept families of all kinds and we keep families together.

WEBSITE: www.familygateway.org

LOCATION:

711 S. St. Paul Street, Dallas, TX 75201

CONTACT: Kathy Kidwell
Kkidwell@familygateway.org 214-823-4500 Ext: 106

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *In-Kind Donation Drive*

Help organize a “drive” to provide items we are in need of for the clients at the Shelter when they first arrive. (Example: twin size comforter sets, towel sets, pillows, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, mouthwash, toothpaste, undergarments or women , men & children, school uniforms, and products like detergent and various hygiene products.

DATE: During the month of November.

LOCATION: 711 S. St. Paul Street, Dallas, TX 75201

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Adopt a Room Program*

When existing clients have successfully completed our program at the Annette G. Strauss Family Gateway Center and are ready to move on to obtain longer term or permanent housing they transition back into the community, and their room is vacated. The families usually vacate their rooms on a Tuesday and the new family moves in the following Tuesday, giving the adopt a room donor through the weekend to prepare the room for the new families to move in. There are two options available for you when adopting a room. 1) Gather all the items that are needed and drop them off at our Center located at 711 S. St. Paul Street, Dallas, TX 75201 and staff will prepare the room or 2) Gather all the items and come and prepare the room by placing all the items in their room and preparing beds, making the room ready for the new family to move in. There are many families in need, so our goal is to try and get them in to the Center as soon as possible.

DATE: Anytime

LOCATION: 711 S. St. Paul Street, Dallas, TX 75201

HOPE SUPPLY CO.

Hope Supply Co’ mission is to meet the critical needs of homeless children across North Texas by providing necessities including diapers, clothing, school supplies, toys and programs to enhance their lives.

WEBSITE: Hopesupplyco.org

LOCATION:

Various

CONTACT: Liz Muth
Liz@hopesupplyco.org 214-630-5765

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Holiday Hope on Wheels*

Groups of 3-8 preferred for this exciting event! Organize your own team of volunteers, plan an easy holiday craft (i.e. cookie decorating), caravan to a pre-selected partner agency, deliver toys and host a simple holiday gathering. Gifts are supplies by Hope Supply Co, you supply the team, craft materials, and interaction with the kids as they receive their presents. This event is a door to door time commitment of 3-4 hours. Family friendly event, kids are welcome as part of your team.

DATE: December 17th, mid-morning to afternoon start time, 3-4 hour total time commitment.

LOCATION: HSC partners with over 50 agencies, agencies with children will be identified closer to event date due to transient population.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Gift Wrapping for Holiday Hope on Wheels*

We need crafty people who can wrap our presents the children will receive on December 17th!

DATE: Flexible, we will work with your group to determine best time.

LOCATION: Hope Supply Co Warehouse, 10480 Shady Trail Suite, 104, Dallas, TX 75220

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 3: *Holiday Open Door*

Help partner agencies shop the Hope Supply Co. Warehouse!

DATE: December 19th & 20th, 9am-2pm (can be broken into shifts)

LOCATION: 10480 Shady Trail Suite, 104, Dallas, TX 75220

SWAGG PROGRAMS

We support foster and homeless children by creating experiences that boost their self-esteem and motivate them to set goals to become independent and self-sufficient. We create a reliable support system that encourages and prepares them to be successful through programs that meet their everyday needs. A standard of excellence is produced that promotes Serenity, Wisdom, Agility, Grace and Guidance developed through comprehensive programs. (clothing, hygiene, activities, etc).

WEBSITE: www.SWAGGPrograms.com

LOCATION:

Various locations

CONTACT: Nikeesia N. Ranson
SWAGGPrograms@gmail.com or 972-213-8212

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Celebrating Royal "Forever" Families (Orphan Awareness Program)*

We celebrate National Adoption Month to acknowledge and honor families in our community who have consummated adoption. This is also an opportunity to inform others of the orphan care need in our community. Families are given gift baskets filled with activities and gift cards to assist and manage their busy daily schedules. (All are invited).

DATE: Saturday, November 5th, 12pm-3pm (Set up at 10am)

LOCATION: 777 I-35E Red Oak, Texas 75154 (The Oaks Fellowship)

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Holiday Care Packages (Holiday Support Program)*

We provide Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners to families in need. We create Care Packages (full of items to cook for a Holiday dinner). Since the children are home from school during this time for a week or longer, we include items that consist of, but are not limited to: books, coloring books, activity books, indoor games, board games, nutritious snacks, etc. We need volunteers to purchase items and stuff packages for the holidays. We also need donations to make gift baskets for 30 families.

DATE: Saturday, November 19th, 9am-1pm (Volunteer packaging) & 2pm-4pm (Distributing to families)

LOCATION: 1025 Ovilla Road Waxahachie, Texas 75167 (SWAGG Building)

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 3: *Christmas Stockings for December*

Every guardian feels empowered when they know they've made their child smile. We want to give our foster and homeless parents this opportunity by supplying them with Christmas filled stockings (during December) to hang in their homes and/or give to their children Christmas morning. We need volunteers to purchase items and stuff Christmas stockings. We are in need of 200 stockings: 30 (infants), 50 (toddlers), 80 (ages 5-10), and 40 (teenagers).

DATE: Saturday, December 3rd, 9am-1pm

LOCATION: 1025 Ovilla Road Waxahachie, Texas 75167 (SWAGG Building)

FRISCO FAMILY SERVICES

Frisco Family Services exists to help members of our communities who are facing hunger, homelessness and other urgent needs to improve their quality of life and achieve self-sufficiency. With your help we can make a difference. Our website furthers our mission by providing ways for you to learn more and get involved!

WEBSITE: FriscoFamilyServices.org

LOCATION:
Various locations

CONTACT: Programs@friscocenter.org or 972-355-9495

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Toy Drive*

We will be providing toys and gifts to more than 1000 children, parents, senior citizens this Holiday season. In addition, clients will utilize our food pantry and get an increased amount of food for the Holidays. With your help, we can help make this a brighter Holiday for these families.

DATE: Donations to be made by Dec. 5th, no later than Dec. 9th.

LOCATION: More information closer to day of the event

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Thanksgiving Meal Program*

Helping provide Thanksgiving meals for those in need.

Appreciated items:

- Foil roasting pan
- Foil pie pans
- Paper towels
- Plastic utensils
- Aluminum foil
- Plastic wrap
- Paper plates/cups
- Reynolds turkey bag
- Turkey baster

DATE: Donations to be made no later than November 16th

LOCATION: FFS Food Pantry, 9085 Dogwood, Frisco, TX

HUMAN SERVICES

MOSAIC

Mosaic is a faith-based nonprofit that provides 24/7 residential, vocational and day services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

WEBSITE: www.mosaicindallas.org

972-866-9989, Ext: 322

CONTACT: Lori Baum
Lori.baum@mosaicinfo.org

LOCATION:
Various locations

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Holiday Party in the Vocational Center*

Throw a holiday party in our vocational center to make the holidays shine bright! Play games, sing songs, do a project, serve lunch. Anything to make a fun few hours for those who attend our vocational center.

DATE: Anytime in December, between 10am-3pm

LOCATION: 2245 Midway Rd., Suite 300, Carrollton, TX 75006

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Adopt-a-home or Adopt-a-person for the Holidays*

Adopt a group home or an individual. Bring a holiday meal, decorate the home or the tree for the holidays. Adopt individuals to supply them with gifts for the holidays.

DATE: Anytime in December

LOCATION: Any home in Richardson, Plano or Carrollton

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 3: *Holiday Helping Hands Drive*

Conduct a HHH drive at work or in the community to supply our group homes with much needed hygiene, cleaning, household or healthcare supplies for our 8 group homes.

DATE: Anytime in December

LOCATION: Your choice

MOSAIC FAMILY SERVICES

Mosaic Family Services is a safe haven for survivors of human abuses, including domestic violence and human trafficking. Our mission is to support, empower and educate the multicultural individuals and families in North Texas.

WEBSITE: www.mosaicervices.org

LOCATION:
Various locations

CONTACT: Le Ta, Development Director
let@mosaicervices.org OR
214-821-5393 Ext: 263

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Toy Drive*

Volunteers will have the opportunity to host a toy drive to benefit the children of Mosaic Family Services. These gifts will be given to children as a Christmas gift from the community.

DATE: Anytime between November- December 15th

LOCATION: At the employee’s company

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Blanket Drive*

Volunteers will have the opportunity to host a blanket drive to benefit families receiving services from Mosaic. These blankets are crucial to Mosaic clients as most of our clients do not have HVAC.

DATE: Anytime between November- December 15th

LOCATION: At the employee’s company

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 3: *Christmas Party at Mosaic House*

Volunteers will be able to host a Christmas party at Mosaic house, our shelter for women and children that have been affected by domestic violence and/or human trafficking. Activities can include baking cookies, decorating cookies, hot cocoa parties, holiday movie nights, board game nights, decorating/making ornaments, or anything holiday related!

DATE: Anytime between November- December 15th

LOCATION: Mosaic House- confidential location to be released upon project.

CHETNA

CHETNA empowers South Asians affected by domestic violence, by providing services and assistance in the areas of: housing, counseling, navigating through the legal system, and workforce development.

WEBSITE: www.chetna-dfw.org

CONTACT: Tasneem Rajan
program@chetna-dfw.org or 972-423-1803

LOCATION:
CHETNA

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Holiday Social*

CHETNA holds a Holiday Social, every December, for our clients and their children. We would greatly appreciate it, and be very grateful if you could assist us with lunch and gifts for our clients and their children. We would need assistance with wrapping gifts as well.

DATE: More details closer to event.

LOCATION: More details closer to event.

MY POSSIBILITIES

A continuing education for adults with cognitive disabilities.

WEBSITE: www.mypossibilities.org

LOCATION:

1631 Dorchester Dr., Plano, TX 75075

CONTACT: Kelsey Howell, khowell@mptx.org
469-241-9100 EXT: 113

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Deep Clean of Kitchen*

Cleaning our culinary facility. Floors, ovens, dishes, etc.

DATE: More information closer to the day of event.

LOCATION: 1631 Dorchester Dr., Plano, TX 75075

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Day of Service-My Possibilities*

Day of service would include helping around the building, cleaning different rooms, cleaning our garden, organizing a space, etc.

DATE: More information closer to the day of event.

LOCATION: 1631 Dorchester Dr., Plano, TX 75075

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 3: *Day of Service-Kyle's Cabin*

Kyle's Cabin is our residential training facility located in North Plano. Day of service would include helping around the building, cleaning different rooms, cleaning our garden, organizing a space, etc.

DATE: More information closer to the day of event.

LOCATION: 1631 Dorchester Dr., Plano, TX 75075

THE SENIOR SOURCE

The Senior Source's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) is dedicated to improving the quality of care and the quality of life that Dallas County nursing home and assisted living residents receive. LTCOP assists persons in choosing long-term care homes, investigates and resolves problems on behalf of residents, promotes public awareness of long-term care issues through educational programs, and places friendly visitors in homes as volunteers.

WEBSITE: www.TheSeniorSource.org

LOCATION:

Various locations

CONTACT: Marsha Evans, mevans@seniorsource.org
214-525-6131

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Friendly Visitor Program for Dallas County Nursing Home Residents*

Friendly Visitors are individuals and groups who volunteer in Dallas County nursing homes to help out with activities, provide entertainment, or visit with residents one-on-one. Our mission is to combat the loneliness and isolation that is so prevalent in long-term care home & to offer socialization and engagement opportunities to help improve the resident’s quality of life.

DATE: Flexible

LOCATION: Dallas County nursing homes

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Holiday Collection Drive for Dallas County Nursing Home Residents*

The Senior Source, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Holiday Wish List for frail, low income older adults in Dallas County nursing homes and assisted living in facilities includes items such as clothes, personal care items/toiletries, games, books and crafts.

DATE: Deadline to receive donation is on or before December 9th.

LOCATION: Dallas County

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 3: *Adopt a Dallas County Nursing Home*

The Senior Source, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, Friendly Visitor Project, can assist you with identifying a nursing home to adopt for the holidays. Most nursing homes serve a minimum of 70 residents up to 300+/
Currently, there are 6 non-profit facilities (2 do not accept Medicaid). In addition, there are 64 privately/corporate owned facilities (4 are private pay & 60 accept Medicaid which benefits low-income residents).

DATE: Varies

LOCATION: Dallas County

CHESTNUT SQUARE HISTORIC VILLAGE

The museum is a collection of six historic homes, chapel, school house replica, and stores. We are here to preserve history, celebrate community and inspire the future.

WEBSITE: Chestnutsquare.org

LOCATION: Various locations

CONTACT: Alice Yeager, Alice@chestnutsquare.org
972-562-8790

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Docents*

Talk about the history of the homes.

DATE: December 3rd, 10AM-5PM

LOCATION: 315 S. Chestnut Street, McKinney, TX 75069

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Docents*

Talk about the history of the homes.

DATE: December 4th, 12PM-5PM

LOCATION: 315 S. Chestnut Street, McKinney, TX 75069

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 3: *Servers*

Help serve for holiday tea.

DATE: December 3rd & 4th, 10AM-5PM

LOCATION: 405 S. Chestnut Street, McKinney, TX 75069

ASSISTANCE CENTER OF COLLIN COUNTY

The Assistance Center provides short term financial assistance that stabilizes the home allowing the family to peace of mind to engage in those strategies designed to aid them in attaining financial stability.

WEBSITE: www.assistancecenter.org

LOCATION:

Various Locations

CONTACT: Yvonne P. Booker

Yvonne@assistancecenter.org

972-422-1125

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *“Host an Angel Tree”*

Organizations will commit to providing holiday gifts for children. Organizations can determine how many children they would like to serve. The Assistance Center will provide information along with the child’s “wish list” to serve as a guide for gift selection.

DATE: November 1st through December 2nd

LOCATION: At the organization’s office.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *“Set up Holiday Store”*

In addition to our angel tree family adopter program the Assistance Center also offers families an opportunity to select gifts for their children by shopping in our toy store. Volunteers can set up the store or serve as personal shoppers for the families using the holiday store. Minimum age to volunteer is 16.

DATE: December 1st for set up; December 5th through 15th for shopping.

LOCATION: 900 18th Street., Plano, TX 75074

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 3: “Deliver Gifts to Families”

As a part of our angel tree initiative, individuals adopt and provide gifts for families and their children and if they choose to, deliver gifts directly to the family. For some adopters, the ability to deliver is not possible due to family travel. We then use community volunteers to deliver the gifts.

DATE: Saturday, December 17th or Sunday, December 18th. (Saturday 8AM-4PM, Sunday 1PM-4PM)

LOCATION: More information closer to day of event.

BED START INC.

Sharing beds and furnishings with love to our neighbors in need.

WEBSITE: www.bedstart.org

CONTACT: Doug Nikols
director@bedstart.org

LOCATION:
6601 Custer Rd., Plano, TX 75023

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: *Serve on crews dispersed throughout Collin and North Dallas Counties*
Pickup donations of gently used beds & furniture from gracious households & provide to neighbors in need of no cost.

DATE: EVERY Saturday morning; rain, shine or snow. 8AM-12PM.

LOCATION: 6601 Custer Road, Plano, TX 75023

PLANO ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION CORE STORE

The mission of the CORE Store is to help all students in the Plano independent school district succeed in the classroom by equipping teachers with donated classroom resources. The Plano ISD Education Foundation is a 501©(3) nonprofit organization. Its mission is helping all students in Plano School District achieve their full potential by providing financial support to educators and academic programs.

WEBSITE: <http://www.pisd.edu/foundation>

LOCATION:
2700 W. 15th St., Plano, TX 75075

CONTACT: Marta Lilly, Marta.lilly@pisd.edu, 469-752-8141

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *School Supply Drive*

We invite you to schedule a school supply donation drive in your office lobby for your employees and customers to donate new school supplies to our CORE Store. Supplies donated are made available to teachers in Plano ISD to provide to students in their classrooms who cannot afford them otherwise. This helps prevent the teachers from having to purchase supplies themselves. Please see attached list of suggested items which can be used to help promote your event. All donations are welcome! (Collected donations should be dropped off before December 20th, or after January 2nd at Plano ISD Administrative building, 2700 W 15th St., Plano, TX 75075)

DATE: Flexible

LOCATION: Your place of business.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Office Supply Clean out Drive*

You can also hold an Office Supply Clean our Drive for your employees. We can accept donations of gently used or excess office supplies, including any items that may be useful for teachers in creating new activities to enhance their curriculum. (Collected donations should be dropped off before December 20th, or after January 2nd at Plano ISD Administrative building, 2700 W 15th St., Plano, TX 75075)

DATE: Flexible

LOCATION: Your place of business.

JONI AND FRIENDS TEXAS

Non-profit international disability ministry dedicated to extending the love and message of Jesus Christ to people who are affected by disability around the world.

WEBSITE: www.joniandfriends.org/texas

LOCATION:

The Hope Center: 2001 W. Plano Pkwy, Plano, TX 75025

CONTACT: Becky Ellis
Bellis@joniandfriends.org or 972-941-4525

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: *Christmas Carnival*

A Christmas Carnival for families affected by disability. It is free for everyone, and it is our opportunity to reach out to families in the community affected by disability.

DATE: December 2nd, 6PM-8PM

LOCATION: The Hope Center: 2001 W Plano Pkwy, Plano, TX 75075

THE HERITAGE FARMSTEAD MUSEUM

The Heritage Farmstead Museum is the premiere living history site interpreting The Texas Blackland Prairie region in North Texas. As American Association of museums accredited institution, the HFM strives to offer unique encounters with objects and ideas for people of many ages, interests and backgrounds.

WEBSITE: www.heritagefarmstead.org

LOCATION:

More information closer to date of event

CONTACT: Anne Hanisch
curatorialdept@heritagefarmstead.org
or 972-881-0140

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: *Teddy Bear Drive*

Our Lantern Light theme this year is “America’s Winter Wonderland”. In honor of President Teddy Roosevelt, we’ll be collecting Teddy Bears for Plano Fire and Rescue “Bear-A-Medics program” and the Plano Police Department’s “Teddy Bear Program”. The bears are kept in ambulances and police cars to be given to children as comfort during an emergency.

DATE: More information closer to date of event.

LOCATION: More information closer to date of event.

EAST-WEST MINISTRIES

East-West exists to mobilize the Body of Christ to evangelize the lost and equip believers to multiply disciples and healthy churches among unreached peoples and/or in restricted success communities.

WEBSITE: <http://www.eastwest.org/>

LOCATION:
Various locations

CONTACT: Caleb Read
Cread@eastwest.org or 972-941-4485

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 1: *Direct Mail Sorting and Stuffing*

At the end of the year we send mass mailings to our constituency and it takes time and money for our printer to do this by land. They allow us to supply volunteers to help his process, thereby saving time and money, all for a great cause.

DATE: December (select days)

LOCATION: Dallas, TX 75212

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY 2: *Direct Mail Sorting and Stuffing*

At the end of the year our missionaries send our personalized notes to their supporters. These notes need to be stuffed into individual envelopes and put in the mail.

DATE: December (select days)

LOCATION: Plano, TX 75075

IF INDIVIDUALS ARE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING VOLUNTEER SERVICES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES BEYOND THE BELOW LISTED, YOU MAY ALSO REFERENCE ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITES THROUGH www.volnow.org



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