

2012 Emmaus House Holiday Event Guide

Thanksgiving Baskets

October-November
Bags available Oct. 15
Deliver food by Nov. 16

Christmas Family Partnership

November-December
Please sign up as early as
possible

Christmas In Peoplestown

Saturday, December 1
4 p.m.—6 p.m.

Grandparents Party

Tuesday, December 11

Secret Santa Shop

Sunday, December 16
Deliveries by December 15

Children's Christmas Festival

Saturday, December 24



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Overview of Events:

- **Thanksgiving Baskets** (pg. 2)
Emmaus House provides 350 families with baskets, allowing each family to prepare and enjoy a meal in their own home. Contact Katie Bates
katiebates@emmaushouse.org
- **Christmas Family Partnership** (pg. 2)
Families in need are partnered with individuals, families and groups to help them through Christmas and the winter months. Contact Katie Bates
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- **Christmas in Peoplestown** (pg. 3)
Emmaus House partners with The Study Hall and McDevitt Center for a fellowship gathering and tree lighting in Peoplestown. Contact Elizabeth Roles
elizabethroles@emmaushouse.org
- **Grandparents Party** (pg. 3)
Community grandparents raising grandchildren are invited to take the night off and join us for dinner, singing and a raffle. Contact Elizabeth Roles
elizabethroles@emmaushouse.org
- **Secret Santa Shop** (pg. 3)
Emmaus House children buy gifts for their parents, grandparents and family members. Volunteers help shop and gift wrap. Contact Claiborne Jones
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- **Children's Christmas Festival** (pg. 4-7)
Santa and Mrs. Claus come to Emmaus House and give out presents to 900+ children from all over Atlanta.
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Thanksgiving Baskets
October-Friday, Nov. 16

How You Can Help

Contact

You can help Emmaus House provide 350 families with Thanksgiving Baskets.

Baskets include: a turkey, side items and fresh greens.

- Donate side items or contribute to the cost of 350 turkeys. Emmaus House provides the side item shopping list and bag for you to put the groceries in. Bags due Nov. 16 by 10:00 a.m.

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Christmas Family Partnership
November-December
How You Can Help

Shopping Guidelines



Contact

Christmas Family Partnerships help families connected to Emmaus House with the basics to help them through the holiday season and winter months.

- Contact Emmaus House to find a family whose needs you can meet. The partnership can work in two ways:

1. Using provided wish list: shop for, wrap and deliver items to the family.
2. Using provided wish list: shop for, wrap and deliver items to Emmaus House and we will deliver to the family.

Remember food stamps do not buy non-food items such as soaps, paper products, clothing, school supplies and household supplies, vitamins and medicines. While shopping please emphasize **practical articles for daily living**.

- *Household supplies* (laundry detergent, cleaning supplies)
- *Personal hygiene supplies* (bath soap, shampoo, shaving cream, razors, hand lotion, towels)
- *School supplies* (paper, pens, pencils, notebooks)
- *Kitchen equipment* (toaster oven, dishes, cutlery)
- *Clothing* (school uniforms, jeans, jackets, underwear, socks, shoes)
- **Gift cards** to Kroger, Target and Wal-Mart are the most practical. These stores are an easy MARTA ride away.
- Please give gifts that are new or like-new and which you or your family members would be happy to have yourselves.
- If something requires batteries, **please provide them!**
- Other gifts for children should be durable goods—not candy or perishable items. Dolls, action figures, and books should reflect cultural sensitivity. Please, no military toys or guns!

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| <p>Christmas in Peoplestown Saturday, December 1 4:00-6:00 p.m.</p> <p>How You Can Help</p>  <p>Contact</p> | <p>Every December Emmaus House partners with our neighbors at The Study Hall and the Rick McDivett Center for Christmas in Peoplestown. We invite you and the neighborhood to make ornaments, have refreshments and gather at Emmaus House to sing carols and light a Christmas tree on the front lawn!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring your family and friends to Emmaus House on Saturday, December 3rd and join us! Arrive at 3:00 p.m. for set-up. • The Rev. Elizabeth Roles 404-525-5948, ext. 27 elizabethroles@emmaushouse.org |
| <p>Grandparents' Party Tuesday, December 13</p> <p>How You Can Help</p> <p>Contact</p> | <p>After a wonderful meal and entertainment, each of the 70 grandparents attending the Grandparents' Party receives a gift card. The highlight of this festive evening is the gift basket raffle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donate \$10+ gift cards • Donate raffle items (towels sets, dishes, small appliances, gloves, XXL jackets, etc.) • Elizabeth Roles elizabethroles@emmaushouse.org • Judi Oakley 404-771-7474 gableoak06@comcast.net  |
| <p>Secret Santa Shop Sunday, December 16</p> <p>How You Can Help</p> <p>Contact</p> <p>Pg. 3 of 7</p> | <p>After the 10:30 a.m. Emmaus House Chapel service, children visit the Secret Santa Shop to buy gifts for their parents and grandparents. All items are priced at 10 cents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donate small items for the gift shop by December 15th. • Scarves, slippers, socks, soap, shampoo, cologne, shaving cream, razors, gloves, billfolds, decorative items, costume jewelry, and watches make great gifts. (Durable items may be <i>gently</i> used.) • Help children select and wrap gifts. • The Rev. Claiborne Jones 404-525-5948, ext. 13 claibornejones@emmaushouse.org |

Emmaus House Holiday Guide

Children's Christmas Festival

Monday,
December 24

How You Can Help



Contact

Santa and Mrs. Claus give presents to children between 8:00 a.m. and noon on Christmas Eve. Last year more than 875 children came to Emmaus House! Children and their parents are entertained by a storyteller, magician and a Christmas movie. Snacks are also provided.

- Sign up to shop, collect, wrap and label toys (*using the guidelines on the page 5-6*). We ask that gifts be wrapped before they are delivered. This is a wonderful and fun family, group or parish activity.
- Gifts should be delivered between November 26 and December 22 See **wrapping instructions** on pg. 6.
- Set up an angel tree at your church or business. (See page 6 for instructions.) Collect and wrap toys.
- Come to Emmaus House and help sort, stack and wrap Christmas gifts during the month of December.
- Volunteer to help the Clauses on December 24th.
- No time to shop? Send a donation to Emmaus House or make a donation online (www.emmaushouse.org) and we will shop for you!



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New for 2012 Shopping On-line

Wish Lists, Registries & Gift Cards

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We are adding links to wish lists at a few favorite stores. We realize a lot of time can be needed to be one of Santa's Elves. If shopping on-line is more convenient for you, we will have community and parish volunteers that are ready to wrap your gifts after they are shipped to Emmaus House.

We have heard from a few friends the difficulty in finding appropriate gifts for teenage boys and girls. A good solution is a gift card, allowing them to shop for themselves.

More details and instructions are on page 7.

Gift Suggestions



Gift Wrap Instructions

Please do not wrap: gift cards, stuffed animals, books, book bags, sleeping bags, basketballs, footballs and other balls.



Please Note:

No military toys, especially guns!

If it requires batteries, please provide them!

All Ages and Genders: Stuffed animals, balls, warm hats, scarves, gloves and socks.

Infants: Blankets, sleepers, diapers, wipes, baby lotion, powder, shampoo, drinking cups, educational toys and books. Clothing for 8 months and older.

Toddlers, 1 - 2 years: Girls, culturally sensitive dolls, tea sets, educational games, books. Boys, age-appropriate cars and trucks, soft footballs, and action figures. Boys or girls, musical & educational toys, stuffed animals, puzzles, games, back packs, art sets, building blocks, balls, crayons and coloring books, videos, and books.

3 - 5 years: Girls, culturally sensitive dolls, jewelry, purses, barrettes & hair accessories, dish/tea sets, jump ropes. Boys, trucks, cars, and action figures. Boys or girls, sports equipment, backpacks, sleeping bags, stuffed animals, art & craft, sets magic sets, chalk, books and educational toys.

6 - 8 years: Girls, culturally sensitive dolls, jewelry, purses, hair accessories, dish/tea sets, jump rope. Boys, trucks, car collections, and action figures. Boys or girls, Sports equipment, backpacks, duffel bags, sleeping bags, stuffed animals, art & craft and magic sets, chalk, science books, educational toys, games and videos.

9 - 12 years: Girls, inexpensive MP3 player, head set, MP3 speakers, science sets, jewelry, arts & crafts supplies, slippers, sports equipment, stuffed animals, back packs, board games, educational items, sleeping bags, books and DVDs. Boys, inexpensive MP3 player, head set, MP3 speakers, sports equipment, science sets, watches, arts & crafts supplies, back packs, board games, educational items, books and DVDs.

13 - 16 years: Girls, gift cards, inexpensive MP3 player, head set, MP3 speakers, watches, jewelry, makeup kits, hair brush and comb sets, slippers, pajamas, perfume, purses, sports equipment, backpacks, books and DVDs. Boys, gift cards, inexpensive MP3 player, head set, MP3 speakers, sporting equipment, backpacks, board games, playing cards, cologne, shaving items, nail clippers, and sunglasses.

Gift Wrap Instructions



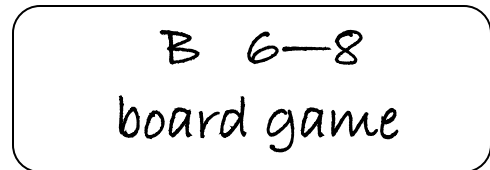
Please do not wrap: gift cards, stuffed animals, books, book bags, sleeping bags, basketballs, footballs and other balls.

All other gifts should be wrapped, then labeled to indicate the Age and gender suitability and a brief description (1-3 words) of the gift. Use a white adhesive label to write the information.

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Wrapping paper, scissors, tape, black sharpies, white address labels (1" – 2 5/8").

1. Sort gifts by age *and* gender. Note: The age categories are: Infant, 1-2 , 3-5, 6-8 , 9-12, 13-16 and 17-18. The **three** gender categories are: **B**oy, **G**irl or **E**ither.
2. Setup stations with wrapping supplies and instructions. Put sorted unwrapped gifts at each station with appropriate labeling supplies. Be sure those working at the station know what the age and gender is for each gift they are wrapping.
3. Please place white address label (with age range, gender and brief description) on top of the gift where it is easily visible.
4. While all ages can help, non-adult wrappers will need careful supervision. We don't want any child to be disappointed by Santa's gift.

Sample Label



(Boy

Age 6-8)

Angel Tree Instructions



Cut out Christmas ornaments (last year's Christmas cards are a place to start). Number each ornament and write a description of the item age and gender of the child.

(For example #26, **3-5 year girl, doll.**) Keep a master list of the numbered ornaments/gifts.

3-4 weeks before Christmas, place an ornament tree in a high traffic area in your church or business. Invite people to pick an ornament, sign the numbered list, and take the ornament as a shopping reminder. When gifts and ornaments are returned, check them off the master list.

Host a wrapping party. It can be BYO paper, tape and scissors and is a great way to share Christmas joy. When all gifts are wrapped (**using the specific instructions**) arrange delivery to Emmaus House. 404-525-5948, ext.22

New for 2012 Shopping On-line

Wish Lists, Registries &

Gift Cards

Details And Instructions

| STORE | WEB-SITE | INSTRUCTIONS |
|--------------------|---|---|
| K-Mart | www.kmart.com | Go to “gifts”, then go to “gift registry” Enter registry name: Emmaus House |
| Game Stop | www.gamestop.com | Go to “my accounts” (at top of page) Then “view wish list” Enter email address & password charlottecameron@emmaushouse.org 2012xmasfest |
| Target | www.target.com | Go to baby registry Enter registry name: EmmausHouse Cameron |
| Toys Are Us | www.toysrus.com | Go to “wish list” Enter, list name: Last name—House first name—Emmaus |
| Walmart | www.walmart.com | Go to “registry”, then go to “wish list” Registry name: Emmaus House |
| Marshalls | www.marshallsonline.com | Gift Cards (Marshalls does not have a wish list) |
| TJ Maxx | www.tjmaxx.com | Gift Cards (TJ Maxx does not have a wish list) |
| SHIP TO: | Emmaus House ATTN: Charlotte Cameron 1017 Hank Aaron Dr. S.W. (using S.W. assures accurate shipping) Atlanta, GA 30315 | |
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After ordering, please send an email to CharlotteCameron@emmaushouse.org, then we can let you know we received your order.