Emmaus House Holiday Guide—Xmas Eve Festival

Children's Christmas Festival

Tuesday, December 24

How You Can Help



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- To volunteer
- For pick-ups
- Set-up delivery time
- For gift suggestions
- For on-line shopping

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! *The Xmas Eve Festival* includes children and their parents are entertained by a storyteller, magician and a Christmas movie and are given snacks.

- Gifts (wrapped or unwrapped), should be delivered between December 1 and December 22
- Sign up to shop, collect, wrap and label toys (using the guidelines on the page 5-6). This is a wonderful and fun family, group or parish activity.
- Set up an angel tree at your church or business.
 (See last page for instructions.) Collect and deliver 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 (<u>www.emmaushouse.org</u>) and we will shop for you!
 - Shop online and have items shipped to us.
 - Donate gift cards.



Magician D'vante Parks entertains group before seeing Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Photo by Bill Monk

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Gift Suggestions



Gift Wrap Instructions

Please do <u>not</u> wrap: stuffed animals, 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: <u>Girls</u>, culturally sensitive dolls, tea sets, educational games, books. <u>Boys</u>, age-appropriate cars and trucks, soft footballs, and action figures. <u>Boys or girls</u>, 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:** <u>Girls</u>, culturally sensitive dolls, jewelry, purses, hair accessories, dish/tea sets, jump rope. <u>Boys</u>, trucks, car collections, and action figures. <u>Boys or girls</u>, 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:** <u>Girls</u>, inexpensive MP3 player, head set, science sets, jewelry, arts & crafts supplies, slippers, sports equipment, stuffed animals, back packs, board games, educational items, sleeping bags, books and DVDs. <u>Boys</u>, inexpensive MP3 player, head set, 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, watches, jewelry, makeup kits, hair brush and comb sets, slippers, pajamas, perfume, purses, sports equipment, backpacks, books and DVDs. <u>Boys</u>, gift cards, inexpensive MP3 player, head set, sporting equipment, backpacks, board games, playing cards, cologne, shaving items, nail clippers, and sunglasses.

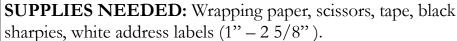
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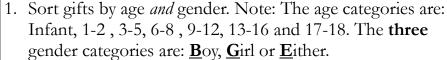
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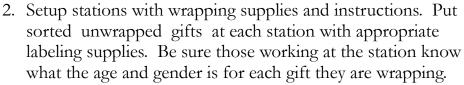


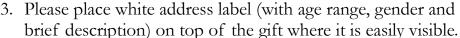
Please **do not wrap**: stuffed animals, book bags, sleeping bags, basketballs, footballs and other balls.

All wrapped, should be 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.









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 B 6—8 board game

(Boy, Age 6-8, item)

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 above specific instructions) arrange delivery or pick-up to Emmaus House.

Thank You & Have A Merry Christmas