

Holiday Assistance & Opportunities-2009

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Name	Organization	Details	Contact
Holiday Clearing House	Area social service agencies	Coordinates providing holiday assistance to area families in need. Call 211 and receive information to sponsor a family with clothes, food and toys.	Call 211 or 339-4357
Sioux Falls Cares		Food, new clothing, and new toy drive for needy families in the community. Call for a list of donations accepted. Donations are accepted year round.	Marietta or Joan 332-9146
Operation Christmas Child	Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church, 4100 S. Bahnson Ave.	Benefits underprivileged children in foreign countries. Fill a shoebox with toys, candy, school supplies and necessities, plus \$7 for shipping costs. Call church for suggested gift items. Drop off dates are Nov. 16-23.	371-3800
Meals on Wheels Holiday Bags	AARP Sioux Falls Chapter 242	Bring some holiday cheer to individuals that are homebound. Donate in quantities of 300 small items such as pens, stamps, socks, holiday ornaments, envelopes, calendars, etc. Donations accepted late November through December 8 th at the Center for Active Generations.	Elaine Hicks at 361-2434 or 336-6722
Coats for Kids	KDLT	Kick off is Oct. 1. Donate gently used coats for children. Drop off at any local Lewis store. Watch for start date. Coats can be picked up at the Salvation Army.	361-5555
Toys for Tots	Jaycees	They will be collecting toys again. Families in need can contact Jaycees and leave name, number and ages of kids. Delivery dates are December 18 th -23 rd .	338-9741 leave message and will hear back within 48 hours
Goodwill Shoe & Mitten Party	Goodwill	Event held Dec. 12 th 10:00am-2:00pm. Volunteers and donations sought. This is an "invite only" event.	731-1932
Refugee Christmas	LSS Refugee and Immigration Center	Event running from November 1 st -December 14 th . Sponsoring Christmas gifts for refugees.	Call Pat Reichert 526-6225 for more information
Adopt A Family	National MS Society	The "Adopt A Family" program will allow the chapter to match up the families who are in need, with individuals who want to make a difference in the life of someone who has been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Requested items are: gas cards, grocery store coupons/gift cards, towels (bath, hand and washcloths), bedding and blankets, toiletries and general hygiene products, new toys for children (all ages) and paper products (toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, etc.) Items can be dropped off at the office: National MS Society 2508 S Carolyn Ave	Nancy Larsen 336-6326
Be A Santa To A Senior	Home Instead Senior Care and Lewis Drug	Be A Santa To A Senior runs from October 30 th -December 9 th . Prior to the holiday season, the participating local non-profit organizations will identify needy and isolated seniors in the community and provide those names to Home Instead Senior Care. Christmas trees, which will go up in all five Lewis Drug stores in Sioux Falls on October 30 th will feature ornaments with the age & gender only for the seniors and their respective gift requests. Holiday shoppers can pick up an ornament, buy items on the list and return them unwrapped to the store, along with the ornament attached.	If you would like to help or for more information contact Home Instead Senior Care at (605)274-2273.

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE TREES

Name	Organization	Details	Contact
Guardian Tree	Sponsored by: Foster	Benefits foster children & the families they	Tracy Kunzelman

	Parents Association	are working with. Located at Department of Social Services. Gift ideas will be given to individuals and groups that want to participate. Return gifts unwrapped as early as possible but no later than December 15th.	367-5444 ext 206 Anthea Chester 367-5444 ext 216
Pet Tree	Sioux Falls Area Humane Society	Take an ornament off our Holiday Tree from 12/1 to 12/31 for shelter pets. Each ornament has a wish list item on the back. Donate the item by placing it under the tree.	Kori 338-4441
Angel Tree	Salvation Army	Donate a new, unwrapped gift item to a child in need at the Salvation Army's Angel Tree in the Sears Wing of the Empire Mall next to the Sanford Children's Play Area. Event running from November 27-December 24. For a listing of items needed, visit www.TheEmpireMall.com	361-3301
Tree of Hope	McCrossan Boy's Ranch	The McCrossan Boys Ranch Tree of Hope will be located at Wal-Mart East and Dakota Sports from November 25-December 28. For McCrossan Boys ages 10-20. Just pick a card off the tree and return the gift item to the tree and return the gift item to the tree by December 28 th . Cards are also available by calling McCrossan Boys Ranch and make a great project for organizations, businesses and church groups to sponsor gifts for the boys. Please call for information on hosting a tree.	Christy or Angie at 339-1203
Tree of Love	Sponsored by First National Bank and the Center for Active Generations	Trees up November 25 at First National Bank locations downtown, on 57 th , at the Western Mall and at the Center for Active Generations. Select an ornament that describes a requested gift. Return the ornament and gift to the same branch by Dec. 16 th . Gifts will go to Prince of Peace and Good Samaritan Center	Lisa 336-6722
Shower Our Guests with Care 2009	The Banquet	The Banquet is teaming up with Lewis Drug stores to market the ready-to-purchase personal care items. Beginning November 1 st "Shower Our Guests With Care" packets available for purchase for \$9.99 at the register. There will be collection boxes at the Lewis Drug stores so donors can leave the Christmas gift there.	Contact Madeline 335-7066

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Organization	Type of service	Details	Contact
HELP!Line Center Holiday Clearing House	Make a difference this holiday season by helping families in need through the Holiday Clearing House. Volunteers are needed to answer calls from families who need assistance, explaining the program guidelines and helping answer their questions. Volunteers will also assist donors who are looking to sponsor a family, helping them connect with a family	Volunteers will work in shifts from 10 am to 7 pm each weekday from November through December. Volunteers will be encouraged to work the shifts that best fit their schedule!	Sara Carothers 274-1407

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	in need.		
Children's Inn	Gift wrapping at the Empire Mall	Bring your gifts to the Children's Inn Gift Wrap Center in the Macy's Court of The Empire Mall and have your gifts wrapped by volunteers. All proceeds from the Gift Wrap Center benefit Children's Inn. In addition, volunteers are needed to fill shifts at the Gift Wrap Center.	Staci Kroupinski 338-0116
Sioux Empire Arts Council	Warm Up America	Volunteer by donating yarn, knitting or crocheting 7"X9" rectangles for afghans, or meet with group every second Sunday of the month to assemble rectangles into finished afghans. Given to homeless people, battered women's shelters and disaster victims.	Deb Klebanoff 977-2002 www.warmupamerican.com
Center For Active Generations	Deck The Halls	Groups can adopt a room at the Center for Active Generations to decorate for the holidays. Come in Tuesday, December 1 st to adorn the room. CFAG members will vote on the best room.	Lisa Howard 336-6722
Center For Active Generations	Holiday Dinner	Help serve the dinner, December 3 rd	Priscilla Nikolas 333-3304
Center For Active Generations	Christmas Party & Dance	Help with dance on December 17 th . Volunteers needed to help make and serve refreshments.	Lisa Howard 336-6722
Nami South Dakota	Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker	December 9 th at 7:30pm at the Washington Pavilion will be performing Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker. NAMI South Dakota has been chosen as their nonprofit beneficiary for this year's performance. Volunteers are needed to help sell tickets to the event and to help with greeting ticket holders, etc. the evening of December 9 th .	For more info or to volunteer please contact Phyllis Arends 271-1871
Great Plains Zoo	Breakfast with Santa	Volunteers are needed to help setup for the annual Breakfast with Santa. Volunteers will be setting up and decorating more than 20 Christmas trees, preparing Santa's workshop, hanging lights and preparing the crafts. Volunteers needed on Saturday, November 21 st from 9:00am-3:00pm.	Call Heather West at 367-8313 ext 22 if interested in volunteering
LHS Key Club and Diversity Kiwanis Club	Project Warm-Up	Last year 1029 kids in the Sioux Falls School District were identified as homeless. Project Warm-Up provides many of those homeless children with a new fleece blanket during the holidays. There are many ways to help: donate fleece, donate funds, make blankets, or volunteer on December 12 10:00am-4:00pm at the Instructional Planning Center, 201 E 38 th Street.	Donations can be dropped off at or mailed to two locations: Instructional Planning Center, 201 E 38 th Street or Lincoln High School, 2900 S Cliff. For more information or to have your donation picked up contact Tracy Vik 360-4858
Ten Thousand Villages	Sales Associate and Greeters	Looking for sales associates to run	Call 335-6209 or email

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	for Ten Thousand Villages	the cash register and assist customers with their purchases. A two hour training class is required. Must be 16 years or older. Also looking for greeters to greet people and direct people to an item or sales associate. Also be able to explain the purpose and mission of Ten Thousand Villages to customers. Hour training would be required. Must be 16 years or older. All volunteers receive a 20% discount on the day they volunteer. Especially interested in finding individuals to volunteer on Saturdays and evening hours during the week.	ttvillages@gmail.com
Children's Home Society	Santa Prayer	Looking for volunteers to help put covers on the Santa Prayer books as a fundraiser for CHS. Dates are October 27 th -30 th 9:00am-6:00pm. Asking volunteers to sign up for two hour increments.	Contact Aunnie at 274-1407
Second Chance Rescue Center	Second Chance Rescue Dance "Dancin Paws For a Cause"	Volunteers needed to help with the Second Chance Rescue Center Dance. Dance will be held at El Riad Shrine from 7pm-midnight.	To volunteer call 362-1722
Second Chance Rescue Center	Pet Pictures with Santa @ Petco	Volunteers needed to help with Pet Pictures with Santa held at Petco on December 5 th and 12 th 1pm-4pm.	Call 362-1722 to volunteer
Second Chance Rescue Center	Gift Wrapping @ Barnes & Nobles	Volunteers needed to help gift wrap at Barnes & Nobles December 6 th 1pm-5pm and December 18 th 5pm-9pm.	Call 362-1722 to volunteer
Second Chance Rescue Center	Holiday Open House	Volunteers needed to help with the Holiday Open House at SCRC on December 13 th 1pm-4pm.	Call 362-1722 to volunteer
Second Chance Rescue Center	Pet Pictures with Santa @ Petsmart	Volunteers needed to help with Pet Pictures with Santa held at Petsmart on December 19 th and 20 th 12pm-4pm	Call 362-1722 to volunteer

HOLIDAY MEALS (CALL EARLY TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER)

Friday, November 20, 2009

- Bowden Youth Center Thanksgiving Meal. 6:00pm (seating starts) Bowden Youth Center, 430 W. 11th St, call Daniel 336-7536 ext. 216 to volunteer or for more information

Thanksgiving Food Boxes

- Apply for Thanksgiving Food Boxes by calling the Salvation Army at 338-6649. Distribution of those boxes is planned for November 20th – 21st.

Saturday, November 21, 2009

- Goodwill Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be served from 11:00am-2:00pm at South Dakota Achieve, 4100 S. Western Ave., call Elthea at 731-1932 for more information

Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2009 – no additional volunteers needed

- 11:30 am (seating starts) Union Gospel Mission, 220 N. Weber Ave, call 334-6732 for more information

Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2009

- Noon, Memorial Lutheran Church, call 334-7133 for reservations. Meal delivery available.

Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2009

- 6:00pm-7:30pm, The Banquet, sign up for volunteer starts November 1st. Call 335-7066

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2009 (no breakfast meal on Christmas Eve, no meals on Christmas Day)

- 6:00pm-7:30pm, The Banquet, sign up for volunteer starts December 1st. Call 335-7066

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Christmas Day, December 25, 2009 – no additional volunteers needed

- 11:30 am (seating starts) Union Gospel Mission, 220 N. Weber Ave., call 334-6732 for more information

Christmas Day, December 25, 2009

- Meal will be served from 2pm-6pm at the Salvation Army Building, 800 N. Cliff Ave. Any questions or to volunteer call Lynne or Dave Johnson at 271-7632.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Date	Event	Details	Contact
November 6 th 9:00am-2:00pm	1 st Annual Gingerbread Boutique to Benefit The Bowden Youth Center	Join us for coffee, shopping & fun with friends! Many unique vendors to choose from to find that perfect holiday gift. Including special holiday bake sale. Friday, November 6 th 9:00am-2:00pm at The Minnehaha Country Club	
Order by Friday, November 20 th	Poinsettia Plant Sale. Benefits Siouxland Child Protection Council.	Plants come in red, Jingle Bell (red and white) and marble. \$8.50 each. Order 10 and get free delivery. Plants ready for delivery Dec. 1 st .	Shannon Terhark 367-5444 ext 422 or Stacie Ugofsky 367-5444 ext 424
November 13 th 3pm – 8pm November 14 th 9am-5pm	Holiday Sioux Empire Arts & Crafts Show	Held at the Expo Building on the WH Lyon Fairgrounds. Admission is \$2 adults and children 12 and younger free.	332-6000
Saturday, November 14 th 10:00am-1:00pm	Whisk & Chop Café and Volunteers of America Dakotas	Come support the youth from Volunteers of America, Dakotas as they serve you lunch at the Whisk & Chop Café. 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the children, youth and families of Volunteers of America, Dakotas.	For more info contact: Donna Pilcher 339-1199 ext 339 or d.pilcher@voa-dakotas.org
November 14 th	Second Chance Rescue Dance “Dancin Paws For A Cause”	Tickets are \$10 in advance & \$15 a the door. Live entertainment by Something New. Held at the El Riad Shrine (14 th & Phillips). Doors open at 7pm and band will play from 8pm-midnight	362-1722
November 27 7:30pm- 8:30pm	Avera Parade of Lights	Beginning at 7:30pm, dazzling lighted holiday floats and music will flood historic Phillips Avenue from 14 th Street to 5 th Street. Historic Downtown Sioux Falls on Phillips Avenue Downtown Sioux Falls-Phillips Avenue from 14 th -5 th street	infoSPAMFILTER@dtsf.com or call 338-4009
December 5 th and December 12 th	Pet Pictures with Santa @ Petco, Second Chance Rescue Center	Come get your pets and/or child’s photo taken with santa at Petco, December 5 th and December 12 th 1pm-4pm	362-1722
December 6 th 1pm- 5pm December 18 th 5pm-9pm	Gift wrapping at Barnes & Nobles, Second Chance Rescue Center	Let Second Chance Rescue Center wrap your gifts for you.	362-1722
December 13 th	Holiday Open House at Second Chance Rescue Center	Come wish the animals Happy Holidays. Event will be held at Second Chance Rescue Center from 1pm-4pm.	362-1722
December 19 th -20 th	Pet Pictures with Santa @ Petsmart	Come get your pets and/or child’s photo taken with Santa. December 19 th -20 th 12pm-4pm.	362-1722
By appointment. Watch SF Humane Society website for details	Pose Your Pets with Santa, Sioux Falls Area Humane Society	Located at the shelter. Call ahead to book an appointment.	338-4441

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Begins November 21 st every night starting at 6pm	Winter Wonderland and Lights Show at Falls Park	Enjoy the spectacular lighting of Falls Park for the holiday season.	336-1620
November 21 10am-5pm November 22 11am-4pm	Trains At Christmas	Sioux Valley Model Engineers Society hosts this swap meet and model train exposition. Located in the Expo Building at the W.H. Lyons Fairgrounds. \$4 per person, children 12 and under free	Wayne Hanson 373-0222
November 19-December 24	Visit Santa	Visit Santa at The Empire Mall next to the Sanford Children's Play Area. Visits with Santa are free and each child will receive a special gift from the Jolly Old Elf. Optional photos are available for purchase as well. For Santa's hours, visit www.TheEmpireMall.com	361-3301
November 20 5:30pm November 21 9am- 5pm	19 th Annual Festival of Trees	Located at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. November 20 5:30pm Gala and Live/Silent Auction and November 21 9:00am- 5pm public viewing \$2 admission, kids 10 and under are free. Santa and Mrs. Claus, Mr. Twister, dance performances, free face painting and temporary tattoos, free gifts for kids.	www. Southeasternbh.org
November 27-December 18	Freebie Fridays!	This Holiday Season, The Empire Mall will be rewarding shoppers with Freebie Fridays. Beginning November 27, each Friday of the season will feature a different giveaway item to reward shoppers, from neck and foot massages to yummy snacks and goodies and \$20 Gift Cards. For a listing of Freebie Friday offerings, pick up our Holiday Essentials Guide at Empire Mall entrances, beginning 11/27.	361-3301
November 27-December 20	Holiday Entertainment	Enjoy the sounds of the season with strolling holiday entertainment at The Empire Mall. Every weekend there will be featured talented musicians from the Sioux Empire. For a listing of performances, visit www.TheEmpireMall.com . If you would like to share your musical talents to make the season brighter, volunteer as a Holiday Musical Act at The Empire Mall.	Chrissy Spoo 361-3301
November 27	Jingle Bell Run/Walk Sioux Falls YWCA and Arthritis Foundation	Dust off your Santa hat and grab your candy cane for the Sioux Falls Jingle Bell Run/Walk to fight arthritis. 5k walk or run. Great costume contest and team prizes	For more information or to register: www.siouxfallsjbr09.kintera.org or call (800) 333-1380.
November 29	Festival of Men's Voices	A free concert featuring six men's choruses performing holiday music. Special appearance by the Singing Boys of Sioux Falls. There will be a free will offering benefiting The Banquet.	Madeline 335-7066

December 1 st 8am-1pm	Holiday Helpers, Target	Seniors (65 & up) and guests with disabilities will receive two hours of personal shopping assistance from Target team member. This will be held at the Westside location.	Contact Meghan for Westside location at 361-1551
Dec. 4 th 7:30pm Dec. 5 th 4:00pm and 7:30pm Dec. 6 th 2:30pm	Christmas Vespers	Concert featuring the Augustana Choir. All performances are at First Lutheran Church downtown.	For tickets call 274-5320 or Augietickets.com
December 10 th 7:30pm	Band Christmas Extravaganza	Augustana Band Concert performing at the Great Hall at the Washington Pavilion.	For tickets call 274-5320 or Augietickets.com
December 6 th	32 st Annual Messiah Concert	First Baptist Church. Free tickets.	336-6588
November 26 th – January 1 st	Crooks Christmas	A computer controlled display of Christmas lights put to music spread across 2 homes. Free will donations to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of SD. Located at 601 Kelsey Circle in Crooks, SD	
Saturday, December 12, 2009 10:00am	Howliday Open House	Searching for the perfect gift for the two and four leggers on your list? Skip the baking this year and purchase items from our bake sale, handmade crafts, or items from our gift shop. Support shelter pets with your gift purchases.	338-4441
December 13 th , 3 pm	The Singing Boys of Sioux Falls Holiday Concert and Tea	Concert at East Side Lutheran Church	Dianna 332-1493
Dec. 17 th at 7:30 pm Dec. 18 th at 7:30 pm Dec. 19 th at 1 pm and 7:30 am Dec. 20 th at 3 pm	Christmas at the Cathedral	St. Josephs Cathedral hosts the SD Symphony Orchestra and other great artists for this holiday music celebration. Proceeds go to maintain the cathedral.	988-3788 or visit www.sfcatholic.org
Saturdays from Thanksgiving until Christmas, Nov. 28 to Dec. 19	Downtown Holidays; Downtown Sioux Falls, Inc.	Seeking strolling carolers, instrumental music, or other festive entertainment.	Jennifer 338-4009
December 31 st	El Riad Shrine New Years Dance	Purchase tickets in advance to reserve tables.	336-1117
December 31 st	Second Annual Champagne Ball	Second Annual Champagne Ball located at CJ Callaways event center. December 31 st starting at 8:00pm. Ring in the New Year while supporting a local charity, the Ronald McDonald Charities of SD. The evening will be filled with surprises, great music including Kory & The Fireflies at 11:00pm.	Tickets are \$75 each and \$800 a table and are on sale now. Contact (605)659-1475

