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# Sharing Life Holiday News 2009



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

2009 has been an especially difficult year for many. We want to assist as many families as possible with Christmas gifts for their children. Sharing Life needs your help for our holiday programs to be successful. We do not have a budget for these programs. Each gift we give to a needy child comes from a special donor just like you! Below you will find a list of the most needed items for Holiday Faire 2009. Our goal for 2009 is to serve 1100 low income children and their families.

**\*\*\* Large or small your gift is important!\*\*\***



### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct. 1-31 Client registration for holiday programs @ Sharing Life

Nov. 21 Thanksgiving basket set-up @ First United Methodist Church of Mesquite 10 AM

Nov. 22 Thanksgiving basket distribution at First United Methodist Church 2 PM-4 PM

Dec. 16 - 18 Set-up Holiday Faire @ Eastridge Park Christian Church. Gifts can be dropped off between 9 AM & 4 PM

Dec. 19 Holiday Faire @ Eastridge Park Christian Church, 10 AM-3 PM

You can help in a substantial way by underwriting some of the costs associated with our holiday programs:

Turkey Baskets  
\$30.00 each X 400 families

Christmas Meal Gift Cards \$25.00 each X 400 families

New Sweatshirts  
\$2.50 each X 1100 kids

Staff:  
Teresa Jackson, Ex. Dir.  
Jaly Strebeck, Off. Mgr.  
More than 50 generous, dedicated volunteers!

Board of Directors:  
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### MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- NEW UNWRAPPED TEEN GIFTS (ELECTRONICS, WATCHES, BILLFOLDS, COSMETICS)
- INFANT GIFTS
- NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS (INFANTS-11)
- NEW SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR (ALL SIZES)
- DIAPERS
- WRAPPING PAPER, TAPE & BOWS
- FOOD FOR OUR PANTRY
- FINANCIAL GIFTS
- VOLUNTEERS
- GROCERY STORE GIFT CARDS

### THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Turkey  
 Corn Bread Mix  
 Chicken Broth  
 Green Beans  
 Corn  
 Potatoes  
 Turkey Gravy Mix  
 Cranberry Sauce  
 Pumpkin (canned)  
 Pie Crust  
 Mix  
 Flour  
 Sugar  
 Eggs  
 Margarine  
 Milk  
 Tea Bags  
 Coffee  
 Rolls  
 Disposable aluminum turkey pan  
 Laundry basket to carry all of the above

**Merry Christmas**

**Thanksgiving**

### What is the Holiday Faire?

Imagine a "store" where pre-registered, qualified parents can "shop" for gifts for their children. The store is stocked with all kinds of toys, electronics, clothing and other goodies given by kind donors like you! Choosing and wrapping the gifts allows each parent to become an active participant in the giving process and helps ensure that the gift each child receives is the perfect match! In addition to toys and gifts, each family will also receive a gift certificate to a local grocery store so that they may purchase food for their holiday meal. This allows each family to enjoy the foods that best fit their cultural and holiday traditions. Once again, The Sunnyvale Garden Club will be serving holiday goodies to our clients as they shop. It's a great party for everyone!

At Sharing Life, showing respect and encouraging dignity are very important goals. We believe our Holiday Faire shopping experience accomplishes those goals. Each year the Faire gets better and better due to the hard work and organizational skills of more than 100 volunteers who help us with this special event. You can help us make holiday dreams come true. Donate gifts, gift cards, money or time this holiday season. Your Christmas will be merrier and so will the families your donation assists!

**10 YEARS OF Sharing and Caring 1999-2009**