



*This summer, the Community of Faith is preparing to host our first ever “Angel Shop” for the children of our Food Pantry clients (infants to 12-years-old) – and **we need YOUR HELP!** Instead of giving \$25 gift cards to each family this year, we to plan to work collaboratively with the Mission Team, Partner Organizations, Food Pantry Volunteers, Scouts, and members of COF so that parents may “shop” for their own children and help to instill the awe, wonder and true meaning of Christmas in those we serve throughout the year.*

Frequently Asked Questions

Who gets toys? *(Food Pantry will take care of this)*

Children 12 years old & under of our food pantry clients. Hannah Godfrey will help us identify food pantry families with children, starting with the most disadvantaged according to their registration forms. Our goal is to serve 100 children and for each child to have one large toy, and two small “stocking stuffers” (i.e. a book, pair of socks or mittens, fidget, etc.).

How do we keep track of distribution? *(Food Pantry will take care of this)*

Gift recipients will be given a numbered invitation card during food distribution on Dec 10 and Dec. 17. Clients **MUST** present their card at the check in table to “shop” for gifts and their number must match our records.

When will the Angel Shop be Held?

Dec. 18 and 19, in the evening. We will set up during the day on Wednesday, Dec. 18 and hopefully, be ready to open that evening. Or, we may set up on Wednesday and then ask clients to shop on Thursday, 5 – 8 PM.

How many volunteer “elves” are needed? (Numbers are per shift and there are 2 shifts / night)?

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| 2 – 3 at the check-in table | 2 – 3 to escort kids to classrooms |
| 4 – 5 to help with toy tables | 3 – 4 to help with wrapping gifts |
| 3 – 4 to help carry toys to car | 3 – 4 to help run Santa’s Workshop for Children (Child Care) |

If you are interested in volunteering, look for a volunteer sign-up beginning November 17.

What Kind of Toys are Needed?

Here is a list of suggested toys and the way we'll group toys for parents in the Sanctuary:

Toys for Babies (0 to 12 months)

- Mobiles
- Rattles
- Floor gyms
- Unbreakable mirrors
- Crinkle Toys
- Soft books
- Plush animals with interesting textures, colors, and shapes

Toys for Toddlers (1 to 3 years)

- Stacking rings
- Nesting cups or boxes
- Push or pull toys
- Shape sorters
- Play vehicles
- Dolls and stuffed animals
- Ride-on-toys, tricycles
- Toddler puzzles
- Props for make-believe play
- Dress-up costumes
- Toy telephones
- Tea-party sets & play food
- Doll strollers

Toys for Young Children (4 to 7 years)

- Art supplies and crafts, Play D'Oh
- Construction sets such as Magna-Tiles and Legos
- Sports equipment such as soccer balls and basketballs
- Bicycles with training wheels
- Barbies, dolls, or action figures (depending on interest)
- Remote-control cars
- Strategy games such as chess, checkers, or Jenga
- Magnets, magnifying glasses, or telescopes
- Basic science kits

Toys for Older Children (8 – 12 Years)

- Board Games
- Art Sets & Kits – Paints, Markers, Colored Pencils, Friendship Bracelets
- Children's Makeup or Nails
- Lego Sets
- Sports Equipment
- Science Kits
- Robotics



Unwrapped Toys may be dropped off to CoF during the month of July in the large Grocery Shopping Cart in the Narthex.

What Will Distribution Look Like?

- Clients will come through the front door and will check in at the Welcome Table.
- Children will be dropped off in the Nursery / Education Wing for "Santa's Workshop" for Christmas themed activities (i.e. games, crafts, snack, video, music, etc.). Miracle Ryder will coordinate this, but will need support to run this area.
- Parents / families will "shop" in the Sanctuary with an "elf" from CoF and then they can have their gifts wrapped in the Narthex. The choir / Capital Harmonia may offer music during this event to add to the festive mood. We will help parents carry their gifts to the car before parents return to pick up their children.

Can My Workplace Support this Effort?

- Yes! Absolutely. If your company or job site would be interested in donating unwrapped toys, please speak with Hannah Godfrey, Terri Orvis, or Pastor Abi. We will collect toys in July and again mid-November thru mid-December.