

Growing Home



Dear Friends,

2013 Holiday Programs

The summer has flown by, with Back-to-School season quickly falling behind us as the holiday season is sneaking up on us all, and the families Growing Home serves.

The holidays are filled with joy, kindness, and sometimes, a little bit of magic. The perfect pumpkin pie. The first snowman of the season. The twinkling lights. Help us make this year the first time a family has a kitchen table overflowing with a Thanksgiving feast, or the year a kindergartener gets their first set of Legos.

You Can Help a Family this Holiday!

You can help make this special time of year memorable for families like Ana and Richard*, who could only provide their four kids with socks last Christmas. Growing Home has many ways for you, your office, or your faith group to make an impact this holiday season:

- **Donate Thanksgiving Baskets**: Provide a traditional Thanksgiving holiday meal to a family. Please include a gift card for the family to purchase their own turkey or ham, as Growing Home does not have the storage capacity to keep turkeys safely, and many families who use public transportation are unable to take large, heavy items with them. Drop off: Thursday, Nov. 21st & Friday, Nov. 22nd from 8:30-5:30pm; or by special arrangement.
- **Adopt-A-Family**: Families are invited by staff to complete a wish list, asking for toys and gifts for their family, both the children and the parents. This makes sure that everyone in the family gets a little bit of a surprise this holiday season. Each wish should be under \$30. Gifts should be either wrapped, or placed in a non-see through bag so unwrapped gifts can remain a surprise. Drop off: Mon., Dec. 9th - Wed., Dec. 11th from 8:30-5:30pm; or by special arrangement.
- **Donate Toys**: Parents are able to shop for holiday toys and gifts for their children. Does your workplace, church group or book club want to host a Toy Drive for Growing Home? Or a Giving Tree? We need hundreds of new toys, games and books for children from birth to high school. Drop off: Thurs., Dec. 12th & Fri., Dec. 13th from 8:30-5:30pm; or by special arrangement.
- **Holiday Food Drive**: Get your workplace, scout troop, neighborhood, or school excited about helping feed families this holiday season and fighting hunger in our community. Help us feed families well into the New Year! Please collect healthy, kid-friendly, non-perishable items for several weeks this holiday season. Feeding Families Food Pantry Wish List available upon request. Drop off: Made by special arrangement.
- **Winter Clothing Drive**: Growing Home is collecting cold weather gear for children and families! Help keep little ones nice and toasty this winter with warm coats, soft scarves and gloves perfect for throwing snowballs! Are you an avid knitter? Can you polish off a scarf or knit a hat? Drop off: Made by special arrangement.

- **Volunteer**: There are many opportunities for individuals, groups, and youths to volunteer this holiday season at Growing Home. If you are passionate about children, maybe helping to sort and organize the Toy Giveaway? Invested in fighting hunger? Help sort, label and stock our Feeding Families Food Pantry. Want to help families experiencing homelessness feel welcome? Gather up a group to deep clean the Growing Home Day Center so shelter guests can relax with their families in their 'temporary home.' Please contact Erik Hicks at erik@growinghome.org or 720-407-1987 for more information, or to schedule a volunteer orientation.

Have other ideas on how you want to give back this holiday season? Please reach out to us!

If you would like to help children and their families this holiday, please contact us today to sign-up.

Call or email: cindy@growinghome.org or 720-407-1966.

Thank you for helping putting a smile on a family's face this joyous season!

Sincerely,

Cindy Vigil

Program Director

And all your friends at Growing Home

