



GRACE

CHRISTMAS COTTAGE

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AND

HOLIDAY FOOD PROGRAM





Thank you for your interest in the GRACE Holiday programs. These programs consist of the Holiday Food program and the GRACE Christmas Cottage.

The GRACE Holiday Food program provides all the groceries for both Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations. These food baskets include a turkey plus enough fresh fruits, vegetables, and staples for four meals.

The GRACE Christmas Cottage is a store-like setting where qualified clients can choose new gifts for their family members. This program allows the parents to have a sense of dignity and pride as they pick the perfect gifts for each child. Both of these programs are extremely successful, serving over 600 families with over 1,700 children.

In an effort to better serve the clients of GRACE, we are asking for your help during the upcoming season. GRACE has interviewed 25% more families for emergency assistance this year than last. Because of the general economy and growing number of working poor, we are broadening the eligibility guidelines for Holiday Food and Christmas Cottage Programs. Hopefully, your donations will help us make the holidays brighter for those who are caught between not qualifying for assistance and not being able to afford more than the bare necessities.

The enclosed packet includes: (1) how you or your organization can help, (2) holiday food needs, (3) gift suggestions, (4) a GRACE Holiday program commitment form. Please take the time to review the information and consider how you as an individual, your church, organization or company can help make the holidays brighter for those in need in our area. The commitment form can be returned by fax or email.

Again, thank you for your interest in GRACE and we look forward to becoming partners in lending a helping hand during this holiday season.

Sincerely,

**Lori Stevens
lstevens@gracegrapevine.org
Christmas Cottage Coordinator
817/488-7009, ext. 329**

HOW YOUR ORGANIZATION CAN HELP

DONATIONS

- Make a monetary donation to the GRACE Christmas Holiday Fund
- Conduct a new toy drive
- Conduct A gift card drive
- Conduct a holiday food drive
- Set up a tree & display GRACE wish list ornaments
- Hold a holiday food drive in November

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pick up toys during the holiday season.
- Help set up, organize, decorate and stock the GRACE Christmas Cottage.
Various days in November
- Work at the Christmas Cottage assisting with clients, pricing items, and/or re-stocking toys.
Volunteers are needed mornings, afternoons, and evenings. *(There is a special for need for Spanish speaking volunteers. The Christmas Cottage is open December 8th through December 21st .)*
- Bake cookies for The Christmas Cottage.
- Help clean up, sort and store items after the Christmas Cottage has closed.

**Please complete the enclosed Commitment Sheet and
Fax/e-mail Lori Stevens 817-488-2181.
lstevens@gracegrapevine.org**

GRACE Christmas Gift Ideas

**The cottage will be open from
December 8th - December 21st.**

In 2010 over 1,700 children and adults received gifts from the GRACE Christmas Cottage!

These items are always needed:

Wrapping Paper, Candy Canes, Tape, Gift Bags, Batteries

Gifts need to be New and Unwrapped

For Children

*Dolls of Color
Shrek Toys
Baby dolls
*Tricycles/Wagons
Remote Controlled Cars
Sleeping Bags
Magna Doodles
New Board
Popular movie toys
Toddler toys ages 1-3
Tea sets
*Infant Clothes 0-24 mo.
Cars and trucks
Educational toys
Arts & Craft Kits
Sports Balls
Skateboards
Superman toys
Dora the Explorer toys
Nurf Toys
GI Joe Action Toys
Cars the Movie Toys
Toy Story 3 toys
*Lego Sets all Ty

Elmo toys
Spiderman toys
Batman toys
Transformer toys
Hot Wheels Race Cars
Iron Man Toys
Easy Bake Ovens
Stuffed Animals
Pirates of the Caribbean

For Teenagers

*Cologne (girls/boys)
*Gift Certificates all Types
Electric Scooters
Make-up sets
Blow dryers / curling iron/
Flat iron
Hooded Sweatshirts
(L & XL-Athletic logos)
Sports / Duffel Bag
Skateboards
Cowboy, Stars, Maverick
Bath and Body Works
*Camera/Digital Cameras
CD Player/Clock radio

Flannel PJ's
Nail Sets
Computer Games
Mountain Bikes/Helmets
Hats and Scarf's
Popular DVD's (G-PG-13)

For Adults/Family

*Kitchen utensils & towel sets
*Cookware
*Toaster Ovens
*Blankets
*Tools/Tool sets
*Gift Certificates
(Home improvement
Grocery stores, Wal-Mart,
Target)
Sets of Dishes
Electric Griddles
Blenders
Coffee Makers
Glassware
DVD Players

***We traditionally run low on these items**

Great for group gift drives

Please notify GRACE of your gift/food drive or for more information

Please call 817-488-7009 ext.329



GRACE HOLIDAY PROGRAMS COMMITMENT SHEET

Contact Name _____

Cell # _____

Home Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

_____ Assist with on-site distribution of Thanksgiving food baskets to GRACE clients on Monday, November 21st or Tuesday, November 22nd

_____ Assist with on-site distribution of Christmas food baskets to GRACE clients on Tuesday, December 20th and Wednesday, December 21st (4 shifts are available)

_____ I would like to set up a Food Drive

If interested in helping with Holiday Food Distribution PLEASE contact Jan Smith directly to get scheduled for a time slot at:
jsmith@gracegrapevine.org or 817-305-4653

_____ Set up a Toy / Gift Card Drive

_____ Work at The Christmas Cottage assisting with clients and/or re-stocking gifts. Volunteers are needed mornings, afternoons and evenings. There is a special need for Spanish speaking volunteers. The Christmas Cottage is open December 8th through December 21st.

_____ Bake cookies for Clients to enjoy during The Christmas Cottage

_____ Help clean-up, sort, and store items after The Christmas Cottage has closed!

If interested in helping with the Christmas Cottage PLEASE contact Lori Stevens directly to get scheduled for a time slot or help with other opportunities at the most wonderful time of the year.
lstevens@gracegrapevine.org or 817-488-7009*329
Please fax back commitment sheets to: 817-488-2181