

Be the elf for children in the Brown Santa Program.

Shop (or donate and we'll shop for you) for toys, books, games, or puzzles for children in need identified by the Travis County Sheriff's Department. Your gifts can be for boys or girls, ages newborn to 14. Drop the NEW, UNWRAPPED item(s) at WUMC in the Brown Santa collection box. Have more fun as a family or group of friends by going with WUMC to help wrap and sort gifts at the Brown Santa warehouse. Perfect for fun-loving elves of all ages!

Project Angels: Katie Ruback & Kay Trostle

I want to:

- BSP: Purchase NEW, UNWRAPPED gifts for _____ children (list of age-appropriate suggestions provided)
- BSP: Donate \$_____ so the Angels can shop for the most needed items
- BSP: I'm bringing ____ elves with me to help wrap and sort gifts at the Brown Santa warehouse from 3-5PM on Saturday, December 7.

Fill Christmas baskets for asylum seekers served by Casa Marianella.

Share what Christmas is like in their new country by creating holiday baskets for refugees and asylum seekers served by Casa Marianella. Laundry baskets will be lined with a festive tablecloth and filled with baked goods, food items, fresh fruit, Christmas decorations and a gift card. Deliver baked goods to the narthex between Wednesday, Dec.11 and Sunday, Dec.15. All are welcome to help with basket assembly on Dec. 15. Elves who can lift heavier items are especially needed.

Project Angel: Ann Finch

I want to:

- CM: Donate \$_____ for purchasing gift basket items and gift cards
- CM: Bake or buy holiday goodies (cookies, brownies, holiday breads) for the baskets
- CM: Help assemble the gift baskets on Sunday, Dec. 15 after worship in the WUMC gym
- CM: Help transport filled baskets to the Casa Marianella delivery location immediately after assembly on Dec.15th (approximately 1:00)

Host a holiday meal and BINGO celebration at the Community First! Village.

Holiday Bingo is a beloved tradition at the Mobile Loaves & Fishes Community First! Village (CFV). WUMC is partnering with Temple Beth Shalom to provide and serve the meal at Community First! on Tuesday evening, Dec. 17. WUMC will provide Bingo game assistance and fellowship at the event. Financial donations are needed for Bingo game prizes.

Project Angels: Mary Lou and Bob Batlan

I want to:

- CFV: Donate \$_____ for bingo prizes
- CFV: Cook food in WUMC kitchen with Temple Beth Shalom volunteers on Dec. 16
- CFV: Transport, prep, and/or serve dinner at CFV on Tuesday, Dec. 17
- CFV: Assist with Bingo and provide fellowship during games after dinner on Dec. 17



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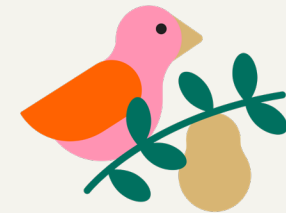
DONATIONS TALLY

- Street Youth Ministry (SYM)donation amount: _____
- Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF)donation amount: _____
- Central Texas Food Bank (CTFB)donation amount: _____
- Any Baby Can (ABC)donation amount: _____
- Foster Village (FV)donation amount: _____
- It Starts With Soccer (ISWS)donation amount: _____
- Giddings State School (GSS)donation amount: _____
- Brown Santa (BSP)donation amount: _____
- Casa Marianella (CM)donation amount: _____
- Community First! Village (CFV)donation amount: _____
- TOTAL AMOUNT: _____**

Make your check for the TOTAL donation amount payable to WUMC. Add "CIO" as a note on the memo line and return this with check attached to the church. All financial donations are doubled by the "Mission Match" program. Thank you!



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**Sharing Christ's love through
hands-on service and heartfelt giving**





Spread love and joy this holiday season!

Use this guide to indicate all the ways you want to give of yourself through the holiday season. You and your family may sign up for as many projects as you would like. You will be contacted after November 1 by each "Project Angel" with additional details. To pay financial gifts by check, complete this form indicating which projects you want to support, write your check to WUMC for the total amount with "CIO" in the memo line, and return your completed form with check attached to the church.

SIGN-UP AND PAYMENT IS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT westlake-umc.org/CIO. FINANCIAL DONATIONS WILL BE DOUBLED BY THE "MISSION MATCH" PROGRAM. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1.

NAME(S) _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

Be the hand that reaches out through Street Youth Ministry.

The mission of Street Youth Ministry (SYM) is to know, love and serve street-dependent youth. What better way to spread the Christmas message of God's love than by supporting this compassionate non-profit in their outreach efforts. Write or draw notes of encouragement, donate funds, or help assemble "Outreach Bags" (soap, toothpaste, etc.) for young people who have no place to call home this holiday season. Your financial donations will allow us to buy items in bulk to fill 200 bags. All are welcome to join in on Sunday, November 10 at the church to assemble the Outreach Bags with notes inside. Go deeper and accompany the Project Angel on a tour of the SYM facilities located in Central Austin to learn more about this ministry. From your hands to their hearts!

Project Angel: Erin Cowden

I want to:

- SYM: Donate \$_____ to purchase items for Outreach Bags (approximately \$15/bag)
- SYM: Write/draw notes of encouragement for drop-off at the church by Nov. 10
- SYM: Help assemble the bags at the church on Sunday, Nov. 10
- SYM: Tour the Street Youth Ministries facilities to learn more (time/date TBD)

Blanket homeless neighbors with warmth through Mobile Loaves & Fishes.

Donate funds to purchase warm, waterproof items to share with our homeless brothers and sisters this winter season. There is no better way to bring holiday cheer and connect with some very grateful folks than serving in our Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF) food ministry. During the holiday season when many regular volunteers are traveling, take a test drive and participate on one of our "make ready" or "dinner delivery" teams. "Make ready" works well for families with children or grandchildren 6 years and older. You must be 18 or older (12-17 with a guardian) to go out with the truck on delivery.

Project Angel: Eric Weidmann

I want to:

- MLF: Donate \$_____ to purchase warm, waterproof blankets for distribution
- MLF: Participate on "Make Ready" Team (4-5pm) and/or "Delivery" Team (5-7pm) on: Mondays: __Nov. 18 __Nov. 25 __Dec. 16 __Dec. 23 __Dec. 30

Fight hunger as one of your holiday wishes at Central Texas Food Bank.

Last year, the Central Texas Food Bank (CTFB) provided nearly 54 million meals for our neighbors facing hunger, a 29% increase over the previous year. Over 80% of people receiving food said they had to choose between buying food and buying medicine. You can help fight hunger in Central Texas by joining a WUMC team for a 2.5 hour shift that will help the Food Bank prepare for extra demand over the holidays. We'll carpool to the CTFB facility on Metropolis Drive on Tuesday, Nov. 19 for the 6:00-8:30 pm shift to inspect, sort, clean, box and prepare nutritious food for distribution by partner agencies in 21 counties across our region. Helping hands over 8 years old are welcome with an adult.

Project Angels: Judi Burke & Peggy Davis

I want to:

- CTFB: Donate \$_____ for bulk purchase of nutritious foods for our neighbors facing hunger
- CTFB: Join the work shift at CTFB Warehouse on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:00-8:30 pm

Provide gifts and hope to grateful hearts through Any Baby Can.

Many families served by Any Baby Can (ABC) struggle to manage basic needs. Add the stress of a child at risk and the holidays become overwhelming. You can make their Christmas sparkle by adding individuals in families served by Any Baby Can to your gift list. Select, purchase and wrap new gifts from a suggested needs/wish list for each individual or donate funds and a Project Angel will shop and wrap for you. Bring wrapped and labeled gifts to WUMC by Sunday, December 1.

Project Angels: Susan Nichols & Shevawn Eisman

I want to:

- ABC: Shop and wrap gifts for ____ (how many) individual children and family members and deliver wrapped and labeled gifts to WUMC by Sunday, Dec. 1
- ABC: Donate \$_____ for gifts for Any Baby Can children and family members

Oh, Baby! Help Foster Village families cuddle their littlest ones in love.

Foster families must navigate the complex systems and unique challenges that come with caring for children from hard places. The largest number of needed foster placements in our area are for infants and very young children. Local non-profit, Foster Village (FV), works to break down barriers many foster, kinship, and re-unified families face when accepting the call that a baby needs a loving home. Make placing an infant easier by providing a stocked diaper bag or donating funds so we can purchase items. Elves of all ages are needed to help assemble bags in Wyatt Hall at the church from 4:30-5:30 on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Help deliver completed bags to Foster Village in Dripping Springs on Dec. 6 and receive a tour of their facilities.

Project Angel: Anna Balthazar

I want to:

- FV: Donate \$_____ to buy baby items and diaper bags in bulk (Amazon wish list available)
- FV: Help assemble bags in Wyatt Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 4:30-5:30 (children are most welcome!)
- FV: Provide a stocked diaper bag (list provided) for drop off at the church by Dec. 3
- FV: Help deliver the bags and tour the facilities at Foster Village Dripping Springs from 10:00-11:00 on Friday, Dec.6



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Empower students in Zimbabwe through "It Starts With Soccer".

It Starts With Soccer (ISWS) is committed to providing children in rural Africa the opportunity to get a good education not only in the classroom, but also in real world situations through job skills training. ISWS addresses both by providing rural communities with sustainable school farms (including greenhouses, community gardens, orchards, and livestock farms) and educational supplies. The orchards are a new addition. Not only do they provide food for the students and community, but also provide shade so other crops in the outdoor gardens can thrive in their increasingly drier climate. ISWS uses soccer clinics at rural schools to relate the beloved sport to the importance of teamwork and getting a good education. The non-profit was founded by Doug Brown, son of Bill & Becky Games. Pastors Nicka and Talent, who operate the ministry in Zimbabwe, blessed WUMC with a visit and discussion of their work in April.

Project Angels: Becky and Bill Games

I want to:

- ISWS: Donate \$_____ for English and math books for a school class (\$25/student)
- ISWS: Donate \$_____ for a bushel of seeds for school greenhouses (\$50/bushel)
- ISWS: Donate \$_____ for orange & mango trees to create a new orchard for a school (\$100/orchard)
- ISWS: Donate \$_____ for solar panels (\$200/ school) to run solar pumps at the school. These provide water for the gardens/greenhouses, cooking, and proper sanitation

Bring musical cheer to older neighbors this holiday season!

Belt out your favorite Christmas carols with members of the WUMC choir at a local Senior Living Community! Due to popular demand, we have two opportunities to carol this year, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. We'll have everything you need for a festive sing-a-long: song sheets, a basket of percussion instruments and some crazy Christmas hats. Just bring-a-long your friends and family (all ages, residents especially love seeing young children!) to make a joyful noise. The more the merrier as we delight our older friends! Attire is Christmas sweater optional.

Project Angels: Sherri Bowen & Lydia Hewett

I want to:

- CC: Go caroling on Saturday, Dec. 7, 3:00-4:00 (at Querencia) I'm bringing _____ joyful voices with me
- CC: Go caroling on Saturday, Dec. 14, 3:30-4:30 (at Belmont Village) I'm bringing _____ joyful voices with me

Provide holiday gift bags for incarcerated youth at the Giddings State School.

Giddings State School (GSS) is a juvenile correctional facility in the Texas Juvenile Justice Department. Boys as young as age 12 may be sent there. Many of the boys have no connection to family and receive no visits, calls, mail, gifts, or positive reinforcement of any kind. Help send a message to these boys that they are still beloved children of God. All items in the gift bags must be new and exactly the same, so we will purchase the items for each bag. Join us to assemble 130 gift bags on Sunday, Dec. 8 at the church. All ages are welcome!

Project Angel: Ann Finch

I want to:

- GSS: Donate \$_____ for purchasing gift bag items (\$20/bag)
- GSS: Help with gift bag assembly on Sunday, Dec. 8 at WUMC