

Be the elf for those served by the Brown Santa Program (BSP)

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. Gifts are needed for both boys and girls, ages newborn to 14. Drop the 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!

Angels: Kay Trostle & Katie Ruback

I want to:

- ☐ BSP: Purchase unwrapped gifts for _____ children
- ☐ 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. We have requested a shift on Saturday, Dec. 9th or Sunday, Dec. 10th. Angels will confirm date/time.

Can you drive a sleigh?
Deliver gifts for the Salvation Army (SA) Angel Tree Program

Our local Salvation Army coordinates a large Angel Tree Program to fill the holiday wishes of children in families with limited financial resources in Central Texas. They need your help to personally deliver the goodies to the recipient families. Turn your vehicle into Santa's sleigh and deliver a smile, maybe a hug, gifts and good cheer directly to families. Volunteers 12-17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Angel: Judi Burke

I want to:

- ☐ SA: Deliver Angel Tree gifts to families in my own vehicle between December 13th – 18th. Angel will confirm date/time of delivery shift opportunities.

Provide holiday gift bags for incarcerated youth at the Giddings State School (GSS)

Giddings State School 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 17th. All ages are welcome!

Angel: Ann Finch

I want to:

- ☐ GSS: Donate \$ _____ for purchasing gift bag items (\$20/bag)
- ☐ GSS: Help with gift bag assembly on Sunday, Dec. 17th at WUMC

Host a holiday meal and BINGO celebration at the Community First! Village (CF!V)

Holiday Bingo is a beloved tradition at the Mobile Loaves & Fishes Community First! Village. WUMC is partnering with Temple Beth Shalom to provide and serve the meal at Community First! Village on Tuesday evening, Dec. 19th. WUMC will provide Bingo game assistance and fellowship at the event. Financial donations are needed for Bingo game prizes.

Angels: Mary Lou and Bob Batlan

I want to:

- ☐ CF!V: Donate \$_____ for bingo prizes
- ☐ CF!V: Prep and/or serve food at the dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 19th
- ☐ CF!V: Assist with Bingo and provide fellowship during games after dinner on Dec. 19th

DONATIONS TALLY

Street Youth Ministry (SYM)	donation amount: _____
Mobile Loaves & Fishes (ML&F).....	donation amount: _____
Any Baby Can (ABC)	donation amount: _____
It Starts With Soccer (ISWS)	donation amount: _____
Casa Marianella (CM).....	donation amount: _____
Central Texas Food Bank (CTFB)	donation amount: _____
Brown Santa Program (BSP)	donation amount: _____
Giddings State School (GSS)	donation amount: _____
Community First! Village (CF!V).....	donation amount: _____
TOTAL AMOUNT: _____	

Make your check for the TOTAL Donation payable to WUMC and add "CIO" on memo line.



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of Christmas in October!



Christmas
in October

Getting ahead of the holiday rush
with meaningful gifts and projects



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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 by email after November 1st by each project “Angel” with additional details. To pay by check, complete this form and write the check to WUMC. Write “CIO” in the memo line. Please return your completed form with attached check to the church.

**SIGN-UP AND PAYMENT IS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT westlake-umc.org/CIO.
THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1st.**

NAME(S)

EMAIL

PHONE

Be the hand that reaches out through Street Youth Ministry (SYM)

The mission of Street Youth Ministry is to know, love and serve street-dependent youth. What better way to spread the Christmas message of God’s love than by preparing notes of encouragement and a “Toiletry Bag” (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 300 bags. All are welcome to join in on Sunday, Nov. 5th at the church to assemble the necessities and cards for this compassionate non-profit to use in outreach efforts. Go even further and accompany staff to an outreach session at the Central Library downtown! From your hands to their hearts!

Angel: Kim Weidmann

I want to:

- ☐ SYM: Donate \$_____ to purchase items for Toiletry Bags (approximately \$10/bag)
- ☐ SYM: Write/color/draw notes of encouragement for drop-off at the church by Nov. 5th
- ☐ SYM: Help with assembly of the bags at the church on Sunday, Nov 5th.
- ☐ SYM: Work a mid-day Tuesday or Thursday Outreach Shift with SYM Staff at Central Library handing out bags (Angel will coordinate and help you complete a volunteer application)

Prepare a hot meal to warm the hearts of foster families at Foster Village (FV)

Foster families must navigate the complex systems and unique challenges that come with caring for children from hard places. It’s important that caregivers know they are not alone. Local non-profit, Foster Village, hosts a monthly gathering to give foster families a place for connection and support. We will provide a hot meal for 30-40 people at a Caregiver Connection Dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 8th and show them how thankful we are for their commitment.

Angel: Anna Balthazar

I want to:

- ☐ FV: Prepare food for the Caregiver Connection Dinner (menu/assignments to come)
- ☐ FV: Prepare and package a favorite Thanksgiving treat for families to take home
- ☐ FV: Deliver food, serve dinner, and connect with families at Foster Village Wednesday evening, Nov. 8th

Blanket homeless neighbors with warmth through Mobile Loaves & Fishes (ML&F)

Donate funds to purchase warm items in bulk 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 ML&F 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 really 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.

Angel: Eric Weidmann

I want to:

- ☐ ML&F: Donate \$_____ to purchase warm, waterproof blankets for distribution
- ☐ ML&F: Make/attach cards expressing God’s warmth to the items
- ☐ ML&F: Participate on “Make Ready” Team (4-5pm) and/or “Delivery” Team (5-7pm)

on Mondays: ☐ Nov. 20th ☐ Nov. 27th ☐ Dec. 18th ☐ Dec. 25th

Provide gifts and hope to grateful hearts through Any Baby Can (ABC)

Many families served by Any Baby Can 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 to your Christmas list. Select, purchase, and wrap new gifts (value of about \$50) from a suggested needs 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 Wednesday, Nov. 29th.

Angels: Susan Nichols & Shevawn Eisman

I want to:

- ☐ ABC: Shop and wrap gifts for _____ (how many) individual children and family members (wrapped and labeled gifts due to WUMC by Wednesday, Nov. 29th)
- ☐ ABC: Donate \$_____ for gifts for Any Baby Can children and family members

Empower students in Zimbabwe through “It Starts With Soccer” (ISWS)

ISWS remains committed to its goal of providing children in rural Africa with 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 of these by providing rural communities with sustainable school farms (including green houses and livestock farms) and educational supplies. They also host soccer clinics at rural schools where they 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.

Angels: Becky and Bill Games

I want to:

- ☐ ISWS: Donate \$_____ for soccer balls (\$10/ ball)
- ☐ ISWS: Donate \$_____ for English and Math books for a school class (\$25/student)
- ☐ ISWS: Donate \$_____ for a bushel of seedlings for school greenhouses (\$50/bushel)
- ☐ ISWS: Donate \$_____ for Solar Panels (\$200/ school) to run pumps at the school that bring water to the campus for garden/greenhouses, cooking, and proper sanitation

Bring musical cheer to older neighbors with the WUMC Choir

Prepare to belt out your favorite Christmas carols with the WUMC choir at a local Senior Living Community on December 2nd. 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. Attire is Christmas sweater optional.

Angels: Sherri Bowen & Nina Revering

I want to:

- ☐ Choir: Go caroling with the choir on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- ☐ Choir: I’m bringing _____ joyful voices with me

Fill Christmas baskets for asylum seekers served by Casa Marianella (CM)

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, Nov. 29th and Dec. 3rd.

Angel: Ann Finch

I want to:

- ☐ CM: Donate \$ ____ for purchasing gift basket items
- ☐ CM: Bake or buy holiday goodies (cookies, brownies, holiday breads) for the basket
- ☐ CM: Donate Christmas decorations for the baskets
- ☐ CM: Help assemble the gift baskets on Dec. 3rd in the WUMC gym
- ☐ CM: Help transport filled baskets to the Casa Marianella delivery location immediately after assembly on Dec. 3rd

Fight hunger as one of your holiday wishes at Central Texas Food Bank (CTFB)

Last year, the Central Texas Food Bank 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, Dec. 5th 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.

Angels: Judi Burke & Peggy Davis

I want to:

- ☐ CTFB: Donate \$ _____ for bulk purchase of nutritious foods for our neighbors facing hunger
- ☐ CTFB: Join the team for the work shift at CTFB Warehouse on Tuesday, Dec. 5th 6:00-8:30 pm



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