

Christmas 2009 Adopt-An-Agency needs list:

Hinds Hospice/Contact person: Kathleen Stefani , 383-3123, kathleen@hindshospice.org

We need stuffed bears for our Angel Babies program. We will need about 5 dozen for this upcoming year. We give a bear to the families who have lost a baby, and are completely out of bears at this time. Not much of consolation prize, but the best we can do. I have gone on line and found a 14 " bear we can order for about \$3.00 each, or a little more than \$200 with tax and shipping. Maybe some generous soul would like to take this need.

Housing Authority of the County of Merced/ Contact Person: Stephanie Busbea, 209.722.3501 Ext. 145

Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), founded in 1966, motivates children to read by working with them, their parents, and community members to make reading a fun and beneficial part of everyday life. RIF's highest priority is reaching underserved children from birth to 8.

The Housing Authority has served as a RIF site for 10 years. Through the RIF program the Housing Authority has distributed thousands of new, high quality books to children living in low-income public housing. Each book distribution includes fun, motivational activities that help children associate reading with positive experiences.

A gift of just \$248 will ensure that this valuable program will continue to deliver lots of beautiful new books to children living in poverty.

The Housing Authority of the County of Merced's annual RIF budget:

\$744 Department of Education

\$248 Local Matching Funds Requirement

\$122 Macy's Sponsorship

\$1,114 Total

Playhouse Merced/Contact Person: Jim Kocher, 725-8587, jimkor@playhousemerced.com

Office supplies – this year, especially we are in need of an inkjet color copier. Ours has broken down, and only prints in two colors. Staples gift cards would rock our world for this season. We are always in need of postage.

Nineveh Outreach, Liberty Fellowship/Contact Person: Tom Calton, 358-5701, dobt43@yahoo.com

1. We need 3 bread type van trucks, similar to the Frito Lay trucks for our food outreaches to the parks.
2. We desperately need a 10' walk in Freezer.
3. We also desperately need a 10' walk in refrigerator.

Both the freezer and refrigerator would greatly enhance our ability to provide even more nutritious food items to the over 1000 people that we provide food for every month.

The bread van type trucks will be used for the delivery of food and clothing to our park locations, which are Merced, Winton, and two parks in Atwater.

We already have one of the trucks, but still need the other 3. We are currently using the trucks we pick up the food items from the food banks, and sometimes, I feel that Moses took drivers Ed. in them.

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Service Center/Contact Person: Angelica S. Martinez, 866-266-8407

AngelicaM@DHHSC.org

They would like toys donated for their Deaf & Hard of hearing kids. Toys can be dropped off at 3337 M Street, Merced. Office hours are 8:30 to 12 & 1 to 5 PM.

Merced County Human Services Agency/Contact Person: Charlene Jones, 209-385-3000, Ext. 5285.

CJones@hsa.co.merced.ca.us

"Operation Holiday Gift Drive" we work to get donations for the needy children of Merced County. Our focus has mainly been on the foster children in our system, but we do not turn away any child. With the donations, we have given to the Merced Rescue Mission, Salvation Army and children coming in with their parents to sign up for aid in our main reception.

Last year, we served over 800 children here at HSA. About another 200 children were helped at the rescue mission and Salvation Army. Our goal, this year, is to get donations for more than a 1000 children. The hardest children to serve are the 12-19 year olds. They have such diverse tastes and needs that we prefer to give them gift cards, that way they can get something that they would like or need. We also send gift cards to our dependents that are out of state-they are not forgotten. **We will be having our gift drive on Monday, November 30th from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in front of the County Administration Building at 2222 M. Street, Merced.** We will accept donations to the end of the year. Last year, United Way donated many of the toys that were handed out to the children.

Merced County Arts Council/Contact Person: Tamra Partin, 209-388-1090 Ext. 13, partintamra@gmail.com

1. Gift Certificate to NASCO Modesto (for clay)
2. Gift Certificate to Dick Blick Art Materials
3. New packages of Crayola Markers
4. Guitar (acoustic)- could use 2
5. Guitar strings (nylon/classical) sets
6. Wall mount for guitar
7. Karaoke machine
8. Beads- glass especially, but plastic too!
9. Crimp beads
10. Beading pliers
11. Beading wire/ elastic string
12. Sewing machine
13. Sewing needles
14. Polymer clay
15. Table-top easels- cheap, simple, wood, or metal
16. Art tissue paper in a variety of colors
17. Glue sticks for glue gun (large or small, round)
18. Bisque fired (unglazed) ceramic tiles
19. Mod Podge
20. Wood glue
21. Painter's masking tape (blue)
22. Scrap wood pieces for collage/ sculpture (not construction)
23. 10 sets of light handweights (for yoga)
24. Sheets-- white or plain solid colors
25. Large pieces of fabric in solid colors
26. Any green fabric (solid or print ok)
27. Hats, sunglasses
28. Capes, robes
29. Furry stuff (not real fur, please:-)
30. Costumes
31. Make-up wedges
32. Clipboards
33. Doll (lifelike, baby sized)
34. Cultural items/artifacts to be used as props
35. Lunch bags (white preferred)
36. Paint--tempra, acrylic, watercolor
37. Cups for paint brushes
38. Pipe Cleaners
39. Marshmallows
40. Newspaper
41. Construction paper

42. Markers
43. Crayons
44. Elmer's glue--liquid and sticks
45. Child-sized staplers and staples
46. Yarn
47. Durable string
48. Googly eyes
49. Plain white paper plates
50. Paint brushes--various sizes
51. Poster board

Atwater P.A.L./Contact Person: Joe Hoffer, 209-357-0986, Jhoffer@atwater.org

A copy machine and an ice machine our their wish list. These two items would make it a lot easier on us at the youth center for us and the kids.

Center of Vision Enhancement – COVE/ Contact Person: Margaret Buchmann-Garcia 209-722-8118, mbgarcia@elite.net

Our major project is getting together what we need for a a handicap ramp. A couple of wish list items that come to mind include:

- Electric skillet for daily living skills training
- Vacuum cleaner
- Outdoor bench (for waiting for the Bus)
- Bus passes for our regular volunteers
- Printer

Caring About Kids/Contact person: E-mail or call Jenn Handy at 357-6124 or JHandy@aesd.edu.

Financial support and volunteers for their Drug Store Project – which is on Thursday, April 1, 2010 at Mitchell Senior Elementary in Atwater.

Merced Rescue Mission/ Contact Person: Prepai, 209-722-9269

1. Turkeys
2. Goods
3. Canned veggies
4. Volunteers
5. Hams
6. Gifts for men and women in Programs

Alpha Crisis Pregnancy Center/Contact Person: Carrie Alexander, 383-4700, carrie@alphaphc.com

1. Color Copier
2. Microsoft Office 2007/Web Design Software
3. Vacuum
4. Conference Table
5. New baby and maternity clothes
6. A new location

Love INC / Contact Person: Terry Raley, Director 383-7034

Office needs

- 15" Heavy Duty Paper Trimmer
- HP All-in-one Printer with memory card slots (comparable to HP C4780)
- Digital Camera
- Rolls of postage stamps

Cases of copy paper

Client Needs

Diapers – all sizes

Baby wipes

Powdered Baby Formula

Gasoline-only gift Cards (\$15-\$25.00)

Rainbow Valley Foster Care/ Contact Person: Hannah Brammer, (209) 722-0202

Group Homes

12 Twin Size mattresses,

12 Twin Size Box Springs, Twin Size Comforters (solid colors)

12 Tall 5-6 drawer dressers

Tampons

Feminine Napkins

Deodorant

Shampoo

Conditioner

Toilet Paper

Body Wash

Razors

Lotion

Linens

Twin size sheets

Blankets

Pillows

Pillowcases

Towels

Dishes

Silverware

2 vacuums

Shower curtain

Cleaning supplies

Foster Family Agency

Car Seats (all stages)

Diapers (all sizes)

Wipes

Clothing (New Born to children's size 10) (boys & girls)

Merced County Food Bank/ Contact: Phyllis Legg, 209-726-3663

Adopt-A-Senior Program: \$30.00 a year feeds one Senior for a year for the Senior Brown Bag Program. 24 bags a year=\$1.25 a bag.

Turkeys & Hams for the holidays