



Christmas Donations

After the success of many years of Christmas donations from our congregation to various local organizations, we are looking forward to contributing again this year. The following information is about the specific organizations, what they would appreciate receiving, and how you can help if you wish.

1. The Elizabeth Fry Society - They would appreciate receiving gifts for their women and girls who are working on reintegrating into society. They accommodate 10 youth females and 15 adult women in their residential programs. They would prefer gift cards and small hygiene items, as their program has high turnover, and it is easier for the women and girls to access outside stores once they leave their program. They look for Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart and Dollar Store gift cards.

2. The Salvation Army - The Salvation Army has been an organization that our Sunday School has contributed to for many years. They would appreciate receiving gift cards from Claire's, Shoppers Drug Mart, and Dollar Stores. They would be happy to receive gift cards for food stores. They are accepting new toys and games as well. With each gift basket given out to their clients, an age-appropriate hat and mittens are included. These items, whether store bought, or hand knit, would be much appreciated, especially for older youth.

3. The Open Door - For years, our congregation has been supporting The Open Door with gifts, clothing and meals for their clients. This year they are looking for gift cards and toiletry items. They always appreciate small gift bags with these items. They would appreciate gift cards for grocery stores, various coffee shops, as well as Walmart. This would give the families an opportunity to have their Christmas meal in their own homes.

4. Pathway Housing - Gift cards for teens 14 – 18 years old would be appreciated. Please donate cards in \$5 or \$10 increments.

5. Eden Food for Change - This is an opportunity to continue to donate non-perishable items. The box is in the Narthex.

How you can help!

- a) If you have gift cards and are attending in-person services, you can place them in an envelope with the organization's name on the front and put it in the collection box at the back of the Sanctuary.
- b) If you have food, games, or toys, there will be baskets in the Narthex. Please place the unwrapped gifts with a label for the organization for which they are intended. If you need to drop these items off at the church during the week when Kelly is in the office, please ring the bell outside the office door and she can take your donations.
- c) Gift cards in an envelope may also be placed in one of the two secure mail boxes at the church.

If you would prefer to donate cash, it can be placed in the mailboxes and collection box with the gift cards, and will be shared amongst the organizations.

The last day that donations will be accepted is Tuesday December 10th. If you have any questions or need assistance with your donations, please call

Cathy Hitchcock at 905-564-0139.

Thank you in advance for your assistance once again this year.