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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
2011 ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels **Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program** is looking again for a few Angels. We are seeking volunteer angels to help us this year with the 300 families we plan on adopting for our program from the Skid Row area of Los Angeles.

For 22 years the Adopt-A-Family Program has made it possible for struggling families with children to have a magical Christmas. But before the magic can take place on DECEMBER 17^h, there are many things that need to be done. Consequently, we are seeking Angels to assist with the many volunteer opportunities available. This is a great way for students to complete their Christian Service Hours.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ALONG WITH DELIVERY DAY TAKE PLACE AT THE CATHEDRAL OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS – 555 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012.

Listed below are a few ways that you, family members, co-workers and friends can help.

1. **REGISTRATION OF FAMILIES** - We are looking for bilingual (Spanish) volunteers to go out and interview the families in their apartments and hotel rooms. We have a list of addresses for families that live in the hotels and apartments within the Cathedral boundaries, and the volunteers go out in groups to accomplish this task. We meet at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels (enter through the Hill Street entrance, park on P-2 – parking will be validated) at the dates and times listed below. Please call me if you can help with the interview process. ***This is the most important part of our program and the area where we need the most help. Please note the St. Ann's Center and William Meade Housing Projects dates – We need lots of help on these two dates.***

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	(St. Ann’s Center)
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	(William Meade Center)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	

**MORE DATES FOR INTERVIEWS IN NOVEMBER
WILL BE POSTED AS NEEDED.**

2. **SORTING and PACKAGING OF FOOD BOXES** Over 30 of our Catholic Schools hold food collections for our program. We, in turn, put together food boxes for our families. We will meet on the following dates and times:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

3. **GIFT WRAPPING** The week prior to our delivery date DECEMBER 17th, we need help to wrap presents and complete our gift boxes. The schedule is as follows:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

4. **VARIOUS TASKS AND STAGING FOR DELIVERY DAY** - Before we can deliver the gift boxes to our families, the gifts are delivered to the Cathedral and we need many hands in receiving these gifts. On MONDAY, DECEMBER 12th – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15th our wonderful donors are dropping off gifts, we need volunteers to help unload the many cars and trucks that come to the Cathedral. On FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16th we have to make sure that the boxes are ready for the Delivery Day volunteers to pick up in the parking structure of the Cathedral the next morning. The staging takes many hands to make sure all the families have their boxes ready for delivery. We start the staging at 3:00 pm and setup in the parking structure (on level P-2) – and we usually are finished before 7:00 pm. The more hands in staging – the earlier we finish! So if you have time, please come out and help get the gift boxes ready for the next morning early delivery. If you have a group of volunteers that would like to volunteer on the staging, please give me a call.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12	9:00 am – 7:00 pm
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13	9:00 am – 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14	9:00 am – 7:00 pm
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15	9:00 am - 7:00 pm
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17	9:00 am – 7:00 pm

5. **DELIVERY DAY – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17th** The gift boxes, filled with Christmas Magic, are delivered to the families. We meet at the Cathedral and begin with a very short prayer service led by Archbishop Gomez. We then load up our trucks and cars to make the deliveries. We are in special need of volunteers with trucks or very large cars. If this is something you would like to do, please come join us at the Cathedral on DECEMBER 17th at 7:00 am.
6. **ADOPTING A FAMILY** Would you like to adopt one of our 300 families? Why not adopt a family with your friends or with members of your family, or how about starting a department tradition by adopting a family. Please give me a call (213) 637-7501, and I would be so pleased to discuss our program with you. If you or your office department have adopted a family in the past or would like to start a new tradition, the family profiles will be ready by SEPTEMBER 30th – just let me know what size of family you would like and I will match up the perfect family for you.

On behalf of the over 300 families that we serve – I would personally like to thank you for your support and prayers in keeping our program moving forward for the past 21 years.

If you would like to volunteer, adopt a family, or have any questions, please contact me at (213) 637-7501. Please consider becoming an Angel this year!