



2009 Emmaus House Holiday Event Guide

Thanksgiving Baskets
October-November

**Christmas Family
Partnership**
November-December

**Christmas
In Peoplestown**
Saturday, December 5

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Friday, December 11

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Tuesday, December 15

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Sunday, December 20

**Children's Christmas
Festival**
Thursday, December 24



Overview of Events:

- **Thanksgiving Baskets** (pg. 2)

Emmaus House provides 300 families with baskets, allowing each family to prepare and enjoy a meal in their own home.

- **Christmas Family Partnership** (pg. 2)

Families in need are partnered with individuals, families and groups to help them through Christmas and the winter months

- **Christmas in Peoplestown** (pg. 3)

Emmaus House partners with The Study Hall and McDevitt Center for a fellowship gathering and tree lighting in Peoplestown.

- **Senior Strollers' Luncheon** (pg. 3)

Our Senior Strollers celebrate Christmas with lunch,, music and a visit from Santa and his elves!

- **Grandparent's Party** (pg. 3)

Community grandparents raising grandchildren are invited to take the night off and join us for dinner, singing and a raffle.

- **Secret Santa Shop** (pg. 4)

Emmaus House children buy gifts for their parents, grandparents and family members. Volunteers help shop and gift wrap.

- **Children's Christmas Festival** (pg. 4)

Santa and Mrs. Claus come to Emmaus House and give out presents to 700+ children from all over Atlanta.

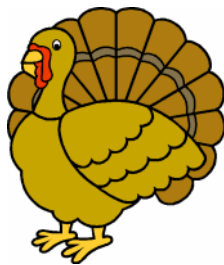
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Thanksgiving Baskets

October-Friday, Nov. 20

How You Can Help

Contact



Help Emmaus House provide 300 families with Thanksgiving baskets. Baskets include: a turkey, side items and fresh greens.

- Donate side items. Emmaus House provides the side item shopping list and bag for you to put the groceries in. Bags due Nov. 20.

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Christmas Family Partnership

November-December

How You Can Help

Christmas Family Partnerships help families connected to Emmaus House with the basics to help them through the winter months.

Contact Emmaus House to find a family whose needs you can meet. The partnership can work in several ways:

- Using provided wish list, shop for, wrap and deliver items to the family.
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Remember food stamps do not buy non-food items such as soaps, paper products, clothing, school supplies and household supplies, vitamins and medicines. While shopping please emphasize **practical articles for daily living**.

- *Household supplies* (laundry detergent, cleaning supplies)
- *Personal hygiene supplies* (bath soap, shampoo, shaving cream, razors, hand lotion, towels)
- *School supplies* (paper, pens, pencils, notebooks)
- *Kitchen equipment* (toaster oven, dishes, cutlery)
- *Clothing* (school uniforms, jeans, jackets, underwear, socks, shoes)
- *Gift cards* to Kroger, Target and Wal-Mart are the most practical. These stores are an easy MARTA ride away.
- Please give gifts that are new or like-new and which you or your family members would be happy to have yourselves.
- If something requires batteries, **please provide them!**
- Other gifts for children should be durable goods—not candy or perishable items. Dolls, action figures, and books should reflect cultural sensitivity. Please, no military toys or guns!

Shopping Guidelines



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Christmas in Peopletown

Saturday, December 5

How You Can Help

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Every December Emmaus House partners with our neighbors at The Study Hall and the Rick McDivett Center for Christmas in Peopletown. We invite the neighborhood to make ornaments, have refreshments and gather at Emmaus House to sing carols and light a 20ft Christmas tree on the front lawn!

- Dress up as an elf or help lead the Christmas carol singing!
- Bring your family and friends to Emmaus House on Saturday, December 5th and join us!



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Senior Strollers' Luncheon

Friday, December 11

How You Can Help

Contact



Thirty seniors participate in our Senior Strollers' program all year.. At their annual Christmas luncheon the seniors sing carols and each person receives a gift card delivered by Santa!

- Donate the Christmas feast for fifty people.

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Grandparents' Party

Tuesday, December 15

How You Can Help

Contact

After a wonderful meal and entertainment, each of the 70 grandparents attending the Grandparents' Party receives a gift card. The highlight of this festive evening is the gift basket raffle with baskets collected particularly for grandparents.

- Donate \$10 gift cards
- Donate raffle items (towels sets, dishes, small appliances, gloves, XXL jackets, etc.)

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Secret Santa Shop
Sunday, December 20

How You Can Help

After the 10:30 a.m. Emmaus House Chapel service, children visit the Secret Santa Shop to buy gifts for their parents and grandparents. All items are priced at 10 cents.

- Donate small items for the gift shop
- Scarves, slippers, socks, soap, shampoo, cologne, shaving cream, razors, gloves, billfolds, decorative items, costume jewelry, and watches make great gifts. Durable items may be *gently* used.
- Help children select and wrap gifts



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Children's Christmas Festival
Thursday,
December 24

How You Can Help



Santa and Mrs. Claus give presents to children between 8:00 a.m. and noon on Christmas Eve. Last year more than 750 children came to Emmaus House! Children and their parents are entertained by a storyteller, magician and a Christmas movie. Snacks are also provided.

- Sign up to shop, collect, wrap and label toys (***using the guidelines on the page 5-6***). We ask that gifts be wrapped before they are delivered. This is a wonderful and fun family, group or parish activity.
- Gifts should be delivered between November 20 and December 19 See **wrapping instructions** on pg. 6.
- Set up an angel tree at your church or business (see page 6 for instructions). Collect and wrap toys.
- Come to Emmaus House and help sort, stack and wrap last-minute Christmas gifts December 14th-22nd.
- Volunteer to help the Clauses on December 24th
- No time to shop? Send a donation to Emmaus House or make a donation online (www.emmaushouse.org) and we will shop for you!

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Gift Suggestions



Please Note:

No military toys,
especially guns!

If it requires batteries,
please provide them!

All Ages: Stuffed animals and balls for 750 children.

Infants: Blankets, sleepers, diapers, wipes, baby lotion, powder, shampoo, drinking cups, educational toys and books. Clothing for 8 months and older.

Toddlers, 1 - 2 years: Girls, culturally sensitive dolls, tea sets, educational games, books. Boys, age-appropriate cars and trucks, soft footballs, and action figures. Boys or girls, musical & educational toys, stuffed animals, puzzles, games, back packs, art sets, building blocks, balls, crayons and coloring books, videos, and books.

3 - 5 years: Girls, culturally sensitive dolls, jewelry, purses, barrettes & hair accessories, dish/tea sets, jump ropes. Boys, trucks, cars, and action figures. Boys or girls, sports equipment, backpacks, sleeping bags, stuffed animals, art & craft and magic sets, chalk, books, educational toys.

6 - 8 years: Girls, culturally sensitive dolls, jewelry, purses, hair accessories, dish/tea sets, jump rope. Boys, trucks, car collections, and action figures. Boys or girls, Sports equipment, backpacks, duffel bags, sleeping bags, stuffed animals, art & craft and magic sets, chalk, science books, educational toys and games, videos.

9 - 12 years: Girls, portable CD players with batteries, science sets, jewelry, arts & crafts supplies, slippers, sports equipment, stuffed animals, back packs, board games, educational items, CDs, sleeping bags, books and videos, socks, gloves, scarves, and warm hats. Boys, portable CD players with batteries, sports equipment, science sets, watches, arts & crafts supplies, CDs, back packs, board games, educational items, books and videos, socks, gloves and hats.

13- 16 years: Girls, portable CD players with batteries, watches, jewelry, makeup kits, hair brush and comb sets, slippers, pajamas, perfume, purses, sports equipment, backpacks, books and videos, socks, gloves and warm hats. Boys, portable CD with batteries, sporting equipment, backpacks, board games, playing cards, cologne, shaving items, nail clipper, sunglasses, crew/sports socks, gloves and warm hats.

Gift Wrap Instructions



Please do not wrap: stuffed animals, book bags, sleeping bags, basketballs, footballs and other balls.

All other gifts should be wrapped, then labeled to indicate the age/gender suitability. Use a white adhesive label to write the age range and a colored dot to indicate the gender.

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Wrapping paper, scissors, tape, black sharpies, white address labels (1" – 2 5/8") and colored dots: yellow, red, blue.

1. Sort gifts by age *and* gender. Note: The age categories are: Infant, 1-2 , 3-5, 6-8 , 9-12, 13-16. The **three** gender categories are: boy (blue), girl (red), either (yellow)
2. Setup stations with wrapping supplies and instructions. Put sorted unwrapped gifts at each station with appropriate labeling supplies. Be sure those working at the station know what the age and gender is for each gift they are wrapping. For example, a station wrapping gifts for boys age 9-13 would have gifts with a white address label with a blue dot on it and "9-13" written large and legibly on the label.
3. Please place white address label (with age range and colored dot) on top of the gift where it is easily visible.
4. While all ages can help, non-adult wrappers will need careful supervision. We don't want any child to be disappointed by Santa's gift.

Angel Tree Instructions



Cut out Christmas ornaments (last year's Christmas cards are a place to start). Number each ornament and write a description of the item age and gender of the child. (For example #**26, 3-5 year girl, doll.**) Keep a master list of the numbered ornaments/gifts.

3-4 weeks before Christmas, place an ornament tree in a high traffic area in your church or business. Invite people to pick an ornament, sign the numbered list, and take the ornament as a shopping reminder. When gifts and ornaments are returned, check them off the master list.

Host a wrapping party. It can be BYO paper, tape and scissors and is a great way to share Christmas joy. When all gifts are wrapped (**using the specific instructions**) arrange delivery to Emmaus House.