

Jefferson Christmas Neighbors plans for 2015 season

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Volunteers are being recruited to assist in the office where applications will be processed either for the Toy Program or the Adoption Program of Jefferson County Christmas Neighbors.

The phone line will be open beginning Monday, Nov. 2 for applicants to be served. Last year a total of 645 families, including over 1,700 children, applied and received Christmas assistance.

All volunteers will attend a training session which will give them step-by-step instructions for office procedures including phone presentation.

There always will be two volunteers for each shift. In addition, Spanish translators will assist those who need them. Volunteers only need to be able to work one morning or afternoon a week through Dec. 4.

Donations to Christmas Neighbors may be made through Pay Pal on the website at www.christmasneighbors.org or by sending a check to P.O. Box 177, Jefferson, WI, 53549.

Donations of gently used clean winter coats, snow pants, gloves, scarves, hats, blankets, wrapping paper and all gently used children's clothing are appreciated.

Any group or organization that would like to collect wrapping paper can email Lorna at llov49@gmail.com.

The board is asking businesses to collect food. Each family in the Toy Program receives a box of food after having picked out toys and clothing.

The bulk of the food in previous years has come from the Jefferson High School students who have a major food drive the week before the program takes place. In addition, the Johnson Creek schools have also donated food but more is always needed.

Donations will be received on Monday, Dec. 14 at the Jefferson Fair Park Activity Center from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Applicants can come on Tuesday, Dec. 15 to pick up toys, clothing, and food.

Anyone willing to be a volunteer, can call Carmella Hue at (920) 674-4657 email carmhue@charter.net.