

Christmas Neighbors Toy & Clothing giveaway set

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The Toy & Clothing Giveaway (also known as the toy, food and clothing distribution) for Christmas Neighbors will be held Dec. 15 in the Activity Center at the Jefferson County Fair Park in Jefferson.

Throughout the fall months, the Christmas Neighbors collect and campaign for donations of new toys, gently used, clean winter coats, used children's clothing, wrapping paper, gloves, scarves, hats and blankets in addition to food.

The goal is to provide participants with gifts and warm clothes for the holidays along with a complete holiday meal. Aside from donations, the group must also spend thousands of dollars to purchase new toys from discount stores each year.

On the day of the distribution, accepted families are assigned an hour to select their items at various stations. From the new toy area, families may select up to two new toys per child (a total value of up to \$35 per child). From the used toy area, families may also select on additional toy per child.

But distribution doesn't stop with toys. Families may also select an article of used clothing per family member (adults and children) and one item per family from the used housewares and holiday décor area. Each child in the family will also receive a hat, a pair of mittens and a scarf for the cold, winter months.

The family is also sent home with a box of food, complete with canned and dry goods as well as some perishable items such as ham or turkey. Christmas Neighbors also tries to provide each family with a roll of paper to wrap gifts for children to open on Christmas.

For more information about the program, call 920-674-4499.