

Jefferson County Christmas Neighbors Plans For 2015

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Volunteers are now 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 lines will be open beginning on Monday, Nov. 2 for applicants to be served this year. 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 for those who are willing to answer phone messages. 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.

This year donations to Christmas Neighbors may be made through Pay Pal on our website at www.christmasneighbors.org or by sending a check to our office at PO Box 177 Jefferson, WI 53549.

We are also asking for donations of gently used clean winter coats, snow pants, gloves, scarves, hats, blankets, wrapping paper and all gently used children's clothing. If there is any group or organization that would like to collect wrapping paper please email lorna at llov49@gmail.com.

The board is asking businesses to collect food for our families. Each family in the Toy Program receives a box of food after they have picked out their 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. to 5 p.m. Applicants come on Tuesday, December 15 to pick up their toys, clothing, and food. Anyone willing to be a volunteer please call Carmella Hue at (920) 674-4657 or reach her at carmhue@charter.net.