

HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?:

- Volunteer to shop: if you are not in a Gospel Community, you will be paired with other volunteers, within the church body. Gospel Communities: it's our hope you will seek a couple of children to bless as a community.
- Commit to pray for these kids.
- Reach out: Extend friendship to the children and their families several times throughout the year.

We are all very busy, but if every volunteer can do acts of kindness for their designated child throughout 2016, we can make a difference in his/her life.

NOMINATE A CHILD:

To nominate a child please fill out a form and turn it into the Christmas for Kids table in the lounge.

Please note, the criteria have changed.

1. The person nominating must be a long time attendee of Element and cannot nominate a family member.
2. The nominee (child) must not already attend Element.
3. The nominee (child) must not have been assisted by C4Kids in past years.
4. The nominee (child) cannot be receiving assistance from other organizations or government programs.



OTHER NEEDS:

Breakfast cook/cleanup...

Cooking bakers...

Table Set-up...

...sign-ups on the Christmas for Kids table

Monetary Donations...giving boxes available in the sanctuary, on-line giving, giving box on the Christmas for Kids table. Please designate your checks as "Christmas for Kids."

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Christmas for Kids

Investing in a child's life,
showing grace, compassion
and hope.



CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE CHILDREN SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS AND TO COMMIT TO BEING PART OF AN ONGOING MINISTRY TO THESE CHILDREN DURING 2016.

What: We want to reach out to children in our community of friends and neighbors who may not have a Christmas without our support. This isn't about purchasing gifts, it is about offering relationship, building trust, and demonstrating Jesus' love to hurting families or those who may not know Him.

When: Our kickoff Christmas breakfast and shopping spree will be Saturday, December 19 at 8:30am, beginning at Element. We ask that you pair with your GC, Women's Ministry member, or other Element members to continue throughout 2016 ministering and building relationship with the children (📍).

Why: Christmas for Kids began at Element 8 years ago to assist children who need assistance but do not receive government or other charitable organization Christmas gifts. The ministry has grown but we have not seen solid relationships built, which is why we are expanding with a focus that extends throughout 2016. We are asking Element to commit to growing this ministry beyond just a one day shopping event. We want to make a difference in these children's lives and in our communities.



ONGOING MINISTRY IDEAS FOR 2016:

- Invite Child/Family to Christmas Eve Service.
- Show up on doorstep with a basket of food or cookies on Christmas Eve.
- Share your culture or family traditions for New Years with child/family.
- Purchase an age appropriate craft kit and deliver
- Once trust has been built, take child to Home Depot for their monthly children's build a craft day taught by the employees for families.
- Deliver Valentine Cookies to child/family.
- Deliver a home cooked Valentine meal to the family (you could even color all the foods with pink food coloring.)
- Deliver a St. Patrick's Day meal to the family (and color everything green.)
- May Day (May 1) family with flowers & cookies.
- Buy a children's Bible as a gift.
- On the child's Bday take the child to a store and let him/her pick out a gift, along with his/her choice of kid's fast food for lunch.
- Take some cement mix and a cake pan to the child's home. Help him to create his own handprint stepping stone.
- Mail a card to the child. Kids love to receive mail.
- Deliver an Easter basket to the child with a book about Jesus.
- Once trust is built, take the child on a field trip to the library, a mission, PCPA, pumpkin patch, local race track, and/or a Christmas tree farm, etc.
- Purchase a flag for the child to display outside his home. Teach him the meaning of the flag. Gift him/her with age appropriate safe fireworks.
- Have any of your own children's books you would like to share? Wrap them up and deliver them with a cozy kids' blanket.
- Gift a new backpack and lunchbox complete with supplies for the first day of school
- Every time you see the child take a few pictures. Turn those pictures into a Shutterfly photo album. Kids love pictures of themselves.
- Take the child on a tractor ride. No matter how young or old, kids love tractors.
- Build a birdhouse. Kits available at Michaels.
- Take a teenage girl to the mall to learn how to apply make-up correctly.
- Teach a child a sport that you love...surfing, running, hiking, fishing, dancing, crochet, knitting, baking.
- Teach a teenage girl/boy how to change the oil in a car.
- Show up on the child's doorstep with a goody bag full of bubbles, stickers, crayons, and a favorite candy.
- Once a month, stop by the child's house with a "thinking of you" mason jar. Put a note in it, a scripture, some candy, a movie ticket, a \$1 bill for the ice cream truck, a fingernail polish, a matchbox car, stickers, etc. Let your creativity have fun with this!

