

Are you looking for a way for your family, work group, or other organization to give back this Christmas season? As hundreds of families struggle to make ends meet in Madison County, you can **make Christmas a time of celebration and wonder for children, families, and singles who may have no one else to provide for them in this special season.** Operation Love Ministries' Christmas Wishes program will serve over 250 households this year! You or your group can get involved at various levels of giving to help families in need:

1) CHRISTMAS MIRACLE SPONSOR: (Adopt a Family or \$350

Donation) Groups and individuals may opt to "adopt" a family in need and provide an entire Christmas experience based on their application. Your group can specify the ages, household size, or circumstance you would like to sponsor and provide a Christmas meal basket, presents, and (if possible) any urgent household needs and Christmas tree. Your group will determine the level of involvement and items given to the sponsored family, and may choose to present the gifts to the family or have Operation Love present them during our pickup hours. You may also choose a financial sponsorship of \$350.

2) CHRISTMAS ANGEL SPONSOR: (Donate Christmas Items or \$100 Donation) You can help us provide a Christmas meal and additional household necessities for families in need including socks, winter wear items, toiletries, soap, and paper products (see donation drive handout for suggested collection items). Or, collect new-in-box toys for children in need! Adults will have the opportunity to shop for their children when they pick up their Christmas Wishes baskets (suggestion list for toy donation provided upon request).

3) CHRISTMAS ELF SPONSOR: (Christmas Volunteering or \$50 Donation) Volunteers will be used on Wednesday, December 12th from 4:30 pm-7:30 pm to put together Christmas food baskets as well as to count and divide toys into age categories. Volunteers will also be needed to serve as "shopping assistants" on Friday, December 14th and Saturday, December 15th from 9:00am – 12:00 pm or 1:00pm – 4:00pm to help families pick out their toys and receive their Christmas baskets.

Please contact us at <u>info@operationloveministries.org</u> to communicate your plans for collections, adoption sponsorship, or to reserve your volunteer slot. Together, we can continue to provide help for today and hope for tomorrow!