

2016 Emmaus House Holiday Events Guide

Thanksgiving Baskets
October-November

**Christmas
In Peoplestown**

**Peoplestown 555 Senior
Luncheon**

**Grandparents
Party**

Secret Santa Shop
Sunday, December 18

**Children's Christmas
Festival**
Sunday, December 24

Overview of Events:

- **Thanksgiving Baskets** (pg. 2)
Emmaus House provides 350 families with baskets, allowing each family to prepare and enjoy a meal in their own home.
- **Christmas in Peoplestown** (pg. 2)
Emmaus House partners with The Study Hall for a fellowship gathering and tree lighting in Peoplestown.
- **Peoplestown 555 Senior Luncheon** (pg. 3)
Our 555 Seniors group celebrates Christmas with lunch, music and a visit from Santa and his elves!
- **Grandparents Party** (pg. 3)
Community grandparents raising grandchildren are invited to take the night off and join us for dinner, singing and a raffle.
- **Secret Santa Shop** (pg. 4)
Emmaus House children buy gifts for their parents, grandparents and family members. Volunteers help shop and gift wrap.
- **Children's Christmas Festival** (pg. 4—8)
Santa and Mrs. Claus come to Emmaus House and give out presents to 900+ children from all over Atlanta.

Delivery dates are between Friday, December 16 thru Friday, December 23, 2016. Call 404-403-1344 or email charlottecameron@emmaushouse.org, to schedule your delivery.



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Thanksgiving Bags

Set-up Oct.- Nov. 20

Distribution Nov. 23

How You Can Help

Contact

For food contributions

For monetary contributions

You can help Emmaus House provide 350 families with Thanksgiving Bags.

Bags include: a turkey, side items and fresh greens.

- Donate side items or contribute to the cost of 350 turkeys.

Emmaus House provides the side item shopping list and bag for you to put the groceries in. **Bags due Nov. 20 by 1:00 p.m.**

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Christmas in Peoplestown

Saturday, December 10

4:00-6:00 p.m.

How You Can Help

Contact

Every December Emmaus House partners with our neighbors at The Study Hall and the Rick McDivett Center for Christmas in Peoplestown. We invite you to join us in the neighborhood to make ornaments, have refreshments and gather at Emmaus House to sing carols and light a large Christmas tree on the front lawn!



- Dress up in holiday hats and clothes.
- Help lead the Christmas carol singing!
- Bring your family and friends to Emmaus House on Saturday, December 3rd and join us! Arrive at 3:00 p.m. for set-up.
- Charlotte Cameron
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555 Senior Luncheon

Thirty seniors participate in Project 555 Community Information Champions, gather and provide information to their neighborhood on services for seniors and other community news. For the work they do, they're given a holiday luncheon to renew their spirits and be acknowledged with gift cards delivered by Santa and Mrs. Claus, for their community advocacy work.

The 2016 luncheon will be hosted by Church of the Holy Innocents'.

How You Can Help

Contribute to the 2016 Holiday fund or gift cards.

Contact

•Charlotte Cameron
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Grandparents' Party December 6 7-9 pm D.H. Stanton Elementary School

Grandparents in Peoplestown are often guardians of family members. Raising a second family is the definition of "It takes a village to raise a child". This is done without much help or many thank yous. Emmaus House recognizes our grandparents for keeping our neighborhood vital by caring for our children with a festive "Grandparents' Party"

After a wonderful meal and entertainment, each of the 100+ attending the Grandparents' Party receives a gift. The highlight of this festive evening is the gift card & gift basket raffle.

How You Can Help

- Donate \$10 gift cards
- Donate raffle items (towels sets, dishes, small appliances, gloves, XXL jackets, etc.)

Contact

- [Charlotte Cameron](mailto:charlottecameron@emmaushouse.org)
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Secret Santa Shop

Sunday, December 18

How You Can Help



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After the 10:30 a.m. Emmaus House Chapel service, children visit the Secret Santa Shop to buy gifts for their parents and grandparents. All items are priced for them at 10 cents.

- Donate small items (new or used) for the gift shop.
- Scarves, slippers, socks, soap, shampoo, cologne, shaving cream, razors, gloves, billfolds, home items, small appliances, costume jewelry, and watches make great gifts. (Durable items that may be *gently* used.)
- Help children select and wrap gifts.
- The Rev. Ricardo Bailey
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Children's Christmas Eve Festival

Saturday
December 24

How You Can Help



Contact

Santa and Mrs. Claus give presents to children between 8:00 a.m. and noon on Christmas Eve. Last year nearly 900 children came to Emmaus House! Children and their parents are entertained by a storyteller, magician and a Christmas movie. Snacks are also provided.

- Create an "Angel Tree" for your parish, organization or group of friends. Shop, collect, wrap and label toys (***using the guidelines on the page 5-8***). Gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped before they are delivered. Wrapping parties are a wonderful and fun family, group or parish activity. We also have times for volunteers to wrap at Emmaus House. See **wrapping instructions** on pg. 6.
- Gifts should be delivered between December 16th and December 23rd. If you need to deliver before that date, call Charlotte at 404-403-1344 for an appointment.
- Come to Emmaus House and help sort, stack and wrap Christmas gifts during the after December 16th.
- Volunteer to help Santa & Mrs. Clause on December 24th.
- No time to shop? Send a donation to Emmaus House or make a donation online at



(www.emmaushouse.org) and we will shop for you!
[Charlotte Cameron](mailto:Charlotte.Cameron@emmaushouse.org), 404-403-1344 cell

Gift Suggestions



Gift Wrap Instructions

Please do **not** wrap: stuffed animals, book bags, sleeping bags, basketballs, footballs and other balls.



Magician D'vante Parks entertains group before seeing Santa and Mrs. Claus.
Photo by Bill Monk

Please Note:

No military toys and especially guns!

If it requires batteries, please provide them.

All Ages and Genders: Stuffed animals, balls, warm hats, scarves, gloves and socks.

Infants: Blankets, sleepers, diapers, wipes, baby lotion, powder, shampoo, drinking cups, educational toys and books. Clothing for 8 months and older.

Toddlers, 1 - 2 years: **Girls**, culturally sensitive dolls, tea sets, educational games, books. **Boys**, age-appropriate cars and trucks, soft footballs, and action figures. **Boys or girls**, musical & educational toys, stuffed animals, puzzles, games, back packs, art sets, building blocks, balls, crayons and coloring books, and books.

3 - 5 years: **Girls**, culturally sensitive dolls, jewelry, purses, barrettes & hair accessories, dish/tea sets, jump ropes. **Boys**, trucks, cars, and action figures. **Boys or girls**, sports equipment, backpacks, sleeping bags, stuffed animals, art & craft, sets magic sets, chalk, books and educational toys.

6 - 8 years: **Girls**, culturally sensitive dolls, jewelry, purses, hair accessories, dish/tea sets, jump ropes. **Boys**, trucks, car collections, and action figures. **Boys or girls**, Sports equipment, backpacks, duffel bags, sleeping bags, stuffed animals, art & craft and magic sets, chalk, science books, educational toys, & games.

9 - 12 years: **Girls**, inexpensive MP3 player, head set, MP3 speakers, science sets, jewelry, arts & crafts supplies, slippers, sports equipment, stuffed animals, back packs, board games, educational items, sleeping bags & books. **Boys**, inexpensive MP3 player, head set, MP3 speakers, sports equipment, science sets, watches, arts & crafts supplies, back packs, board games, educational items & books.

13 - 16 & 17-18 years: **Girls**, gift cards, inexpensive MP3 player, head set, MP3 speakers, watches, jewelry, makeup kits, hair brush and comb sets, slippers, pajamas, perfume, purses, sports equipment, backpacks & books. **Boys**, gift cards, inexpensive MP3 player, head set, MP3 speakers, sporting equipment, backpacks, cologne, shaving items, nail clippers, and sunglasses.

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Gift Wrap Instructions



Please do not wrap: stuffed animals, book bags, sleeping bags, basketballs, footballs and other balls.

All other gifts should be wrapped, then labeled to indicate the Age and gender suitability and a brief description (1-3 words) of the gift. Use a white adhesive label to write the information.

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Wrapping paper, scissors, tape, black sharpies, white address labels (1" – 2 5/8").

1. Sort gifts by age *and* gender. Note: The age categories are: Infant, 1-2 , 3-5, 6-8 , 9-12, 13-16 and 17-18. The **three** gender categories are: **B**oy, **G**irl or **E**ither.
2. Setup stations with wrapping supplies and instructions. Put sorted unwrapped gifts at each station with appropriate labeling supplies. Be sure those working at the station know what the age and gender is for each gift they are wrapping.
3. Please place white address label (with age range, gender and brief description) on top of the gift where it is easily visible.
4. While all ages can help, non-adult wrappers will need careful supervision. We don't want any child to be disappointed by Santa's gift.

Sample Label

For a boy gift,
age 6-8, write

**B 6 – 8
truck**

Angel Tree Instructions



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See paged 7 & 8

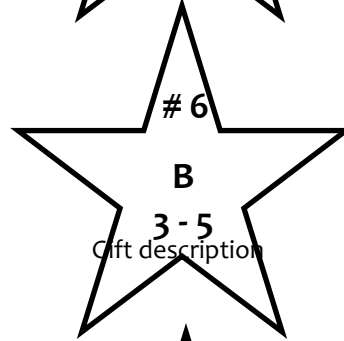
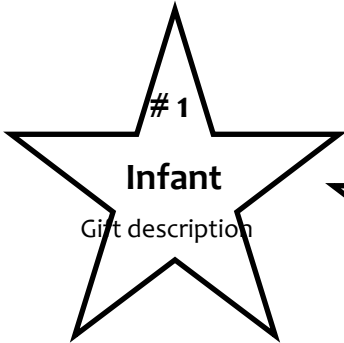
Cut out Christmas ornaments (last year's Christmas cards are a place to start). Number each ornament and write a description of the item age and gender of the child.

(For example **#26, 3-5 year girl, doll.**) Keep a master list of the numbered ornaments of the gifts.

3-4 weeks before Christmas, place an ornament tree in a high traffic area in your church or business. Invite people to pick an ornament, sign the numbered list, and take the ornament as a shopping reminder. When gifts and ornaments are returned, check them off the master list.

Host a wrapping party. It can be BYO paper, tape and scissors and is a great way to share Christmas joy. When all gifts are wrapped (**using the specific instructions**) arrange delivery to Emmaus House.

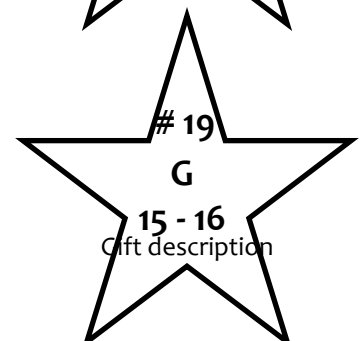
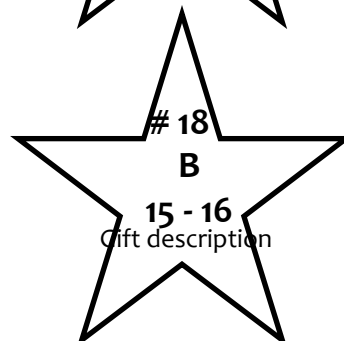
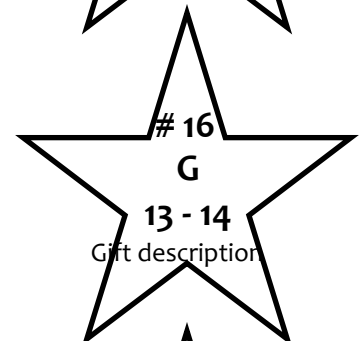
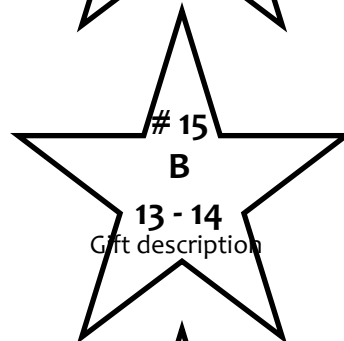
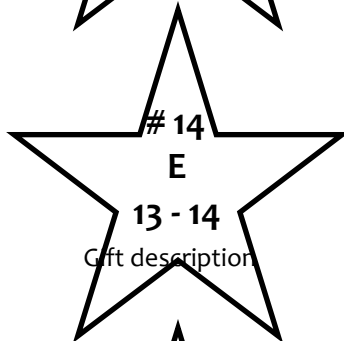
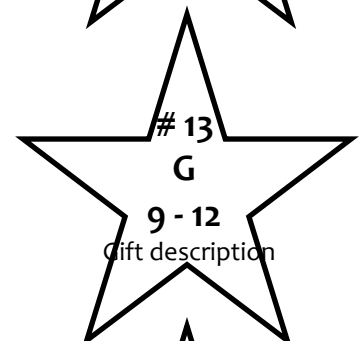
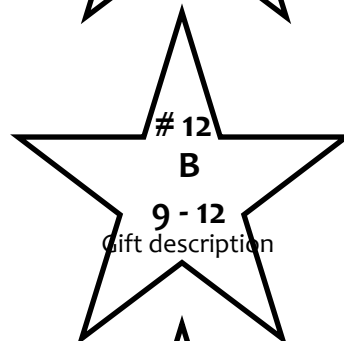
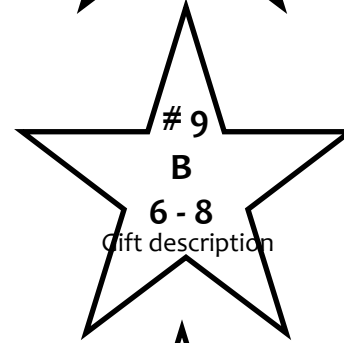
Sample Ornaments for Angel Tree



Your ornaments should be about the size of a tree ornament.

You can make as many or as few as you want.

You can choose a certain group to focus on or vary them in any groups.



ANGEL TREE MASTER LIST

See page 5 for gift suggestions

NO.	AGE & GENDER	GIFT SUGESTION DESCRIPTION	CHECK OFF
#1	Infant	Diapers, wipes, bib, shampoo & oil	
#2	1-2 either	Push toy, large legos, touch & play, activity books	
#3	1-2 boy	Blocks, educational toys, instruments, action figures, cars	
#4	1-2 girl	Dolls, educational toys, plush toys,	
#5	3-5 either		
#6	3-5 boys		
#7	3-5 girls		
#8	6-8 either		
#9	6-8 boys		
#10	6-8 girls		
#11	9-12 either		
#12	9-12 boys		
#13	9-12 girls		
#14	13-14 either		
#15	13-14 boys		
#16	13-14 girls		
#17	15-16 either		
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