



# *2017 Emmaus House Holiday Events Guide*

## **Thanksgiving Baskets** October-November

## **Peoplestown 555 Seniors Luncheon** Tuesday, December 19

## **Grandparents Party** Tuesday, December 19

## **Secret Santa Shop** Sunday, December 17

## **Children's Christmas Festival** Saturday, December 23

### **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.
- **Peoplestown 555 Seniors Luncheon** (pg. 3)  
Our community active seniors celebrate 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)  
Santa and Mrs. Claus come to Emmaus House and give out presents to 800+ children from all over Atlanta.



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### Thanksgiving Bags

Set-up Oct.- Nov. 20

Distribution Nov. 20

### How You Can Help

Emmaus House will be having its Thanksgiving at Home program during the month of November. We sign up 300 households of families in need in order to make sure they have all the ingredients needed to have a full Thanksgiving meal that they can prepare and enjoy at home during the holiday.

We are looking for donations of frozen turkeys and bags with the ingredients to make all of the side dishes. For the turkeys we will take either frozen turkeys or the donation of money in order to purchase the turkeys in bulk. If you are donating frozen turkeys, we ask that they are delivered the morning of the distribution as we do not have freezer space to keep them. Checks going towards the purchase of turkeys can be made out to Emmaus House but please indicate they are for turkeys. We ask that all bags of sides be delivered to Emmaus House by November 17th. If other arrangements need to be made that may be possible.

Each bag needs the following ingredients:

2 Cans of String Beans (English cut)

2 Cans of Corn

2 Cans of Peas

1 Can of Cranberry Sauce

1 Large Bag of Stuffing

1 Box of Brownie Mix

1 Bag of Rice (1 lb)

2 Boxes of Muffin Mix



Please place all of the sides for each household into one brown paper bag, preferably with handles. If you need bags for your parishioners to fill please let me know and we can get them to you.

Our actual distribution date for the Thanksgiving at Home program will be November 20 from 7 am—2 pm.

### Contact

For food contributions

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**555 Senior Luncheon**  
**Tuesday, December 19**  
**11:00 am—1:00 pm**

**How You Can Help**

**Contact**

Thirty seniors participate in the Peoplestown 555 Information Champions all year. At their annual Christmas luncheon the seniors sing carols and each person receives a gift card delivered by Santa!

The **555 Information Champions** are an active group of seniors continuing the activism started 50 years ago at Emmaus House. The 2017 luncheon will be hosted at the Peoplestown Rick McDivett Center.

Brent Harrell and Steve Cannon provide the meal.

Contribute to the 2017 Holiday fund or with \$25 Wal-mart or Kroger gift cards.

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**Grandparents' Party**  
**Tuesday, December 19**  
**7:00 pm—9:00 pm**

**How You Can Help**

**Contact**

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 basket or gift card. The highlight of this festive evening is the gift basket raffle.

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

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### Secret Santa Shop Sunday, December 17

#### How You Can Help



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After the December 16th, 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 at 10 cents.

- Donate small items (new or gently 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.
- Deliver any gifts by Saturday, December 16, 12 noon.
- The Rev. Ricardo Bailey or Charlotte Cameron  
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### Children's Christmas Festival Saturday, December 23

#### How You Can Help



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Santa and Mrs. Claus give presents to children between 8:00 a.m. and noon on December 23. Last year over 800 children came to Emmaus House! Children, their parents and volunteers are entertained by a storyteller, magician and Christmas movies. Snacks are also provided by St. Catherine's, Marietta.

- Create an "Angel Tree" for your parish, organization or group of friends. Shop, collect, wrap and label toys. Gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped before they are delivered. Wrapping parties are a wonderful and fun family, group or parish activity.

**See wrapping instructions on pages 5 & 6.**

- Gifts should be delivered between December 12th and December 22nd. 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 between December 12th — 22nd.
- Volunteer to help the Clauses on December 23th.
- No time to shop? Send a donation to Emmaus House or make a donation online ([www.emmaushouse.org](http://www.emmaushouse.org)) and we will shop for you!
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## 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, especially guns!

If it requires batteries, please provide them!

**All Ages and Genders:** Stuffed animals, balls, warm hats, scarves, gloves and socks. No clothes except for infants.

**All gift cards (even if wrapped with a gift) should be handed to Charlotte Cameron or an office staff member.**

**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 reading 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 rope. 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 and videos.

**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 and DVDs. Boys, inexpensive MP3 player, head set, MP3 speakers, sports equipment, science sets, watches, arts & crafts supplies, back packs, board games, educational items, books and DVDs.

**13 - 16 years:** Girls, gift cards, inexpensive MP3 player, head set, MP3 speakers, watches, jewelry, makeup kits, hair brush and comb sets, slippers, pajamas, perfumes, purses, backpacks, electric hair flat irons. 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. ***Hand all gift cards to Charlotte Cameron or an office staff member.***

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**  
(Boy Age 6-8)

**B 6-8**  
board game

### Angel Tree Instructions



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