



2019 HOLIDAY EVENTS AND GIFTS GUIDE

We're grateful for your support of Emmaus House and the community we serve. This guide provides descriptions of the many ways volunteers may celebrate the holidays with Emmaus House and the residents of Peoplestown.

Overview of December Events:

Secret Santa Shop (pg. 2)

Sunday, December 15, noon–3:00 pm

Emmaus House children buy gifts for their parents, grandparents and family members. Volunteers help shop and gift wrap.

555 Seniors of Peoplestown Luncheon (pg. 2)

Tuesday, December 17, 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Our active community seniors celebrate Christmas with lunch, music and a visit from Santa and his elves!

Grandparents' Party (pg. 2)

Thursday, December 19, 7:00–9:00 pm

Community grandparents raising grandchildren are invited to take the night off and join us for dinner, singing and a raffle.

Children's Christmas Festival (pg. 3)

Tuesday, December 24, 8:00 am–noon

Santa and Mrs. Claus come to Emmaus House and give out presents to 550+ children from all over Atlanta.

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SECRET SANTA SHOP, Sunday, December 15, noon

After the December 15, 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.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- 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 have been gently used.)
- Deliver gifts by Saturday, December 14, 12 noon.
- Help children select and wrap gifts on December 15.

CONTACT

Columbus Ward, 404-797-1195, columbus@peopletown.com

555 SENIORS OF PEOPLESTOWN LUNCHEON, Tuesday, December 17, 11:00 am–1:00 pm

The **Peopletown 555 Information Champions** is a group of seniors continuing the activism started 52 years ago at Emmaus House. The 2019 luncheon will be hosted at the Peopletown Rick McDevitt Center. Forty seniors participate in the **Peopletown 555 Information Champions** all year. At their annual Christmas luncheon the seniors sing carols and each person receives a gift card delivered by Santa Lou! Brent Harrell and Steve Cannon provide the meal.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Contribute to the 2019 Holiday fund or purchase \$25 Walmart or Kroger gift cards specified for the **Peopletown 555 Information Champions**.

CONTACT

Rakia Reeves, 404-525-5948, ext. 31, rakiareeves@emmaushouse.org

GRANDPARENTS' PARTY, Thursday, December 19 7:00 pm–9:00 pm

Grandparents in Peopletown are often guardians of family members. Raising a second or third family is the definition of "It takes a village to raise a child." This is often done with little help or thanks. You can help Emmaus House recognize grandparents for keeping our neighborhood vital by caring for our children with a festive "Grandparents' Party."

HOW YOU CAN HELP

After a wonderful meal (provided by Church of the Annunciation, Marietta) and entertainment, each of the approximately 80 seniors 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, small-4X jackets, etc.)



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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL Tuesday, December 24, 8:00 am-noon

Santa and Mrs. Claus give presents to children between 8 a.m. and noon on December 24. Last year more than 550 children came to Emmaus House! Children, their parents and volunteers are entertained by musicians, a magician and Christmas movies. Snacks are also provided by St. Catherine's, Marietta.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Create an "Angel Tree" for your parish, organization, or group of friends. Shop and collect toys. Gifts should be unwrapped before they are delivered to us.
- Gifts should be delivered between December 10 and 23. If you need to deliver before that date, call Rakia at 404-723-1886 for an appointment.
- Come to Emmaus House to help sort and wrap children's gifts between December 15 and 23.
- Volunteer to help the Clauses on December 24.
- No time to shop? Send a donation to the Emmaus House Holiday Fund or make a donation online at www.emmaushouse.org and we will shop for you!



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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.





EMMAUS HOUSE GIFT SUGGESTIONS

All Ages and Genders: Stuffed animals, balls, warm hats, scarves, gloves and socks. Please no clothes, except for infants. All gift cards should be handed to Rakia Reeves or to the Emmaus House Main Office.

Do not donate military toys, especially guns! If gifts require batteries, please provide them!

Infants: Diapers, wipes, bottles, pacifiers, blankets, sleepers, baby lotion, powder, shampoo, drinking cups and educational toys. Clothing for 1 year olds and younger.

Toddlers, 1-2 years:

Girls; culturally sensitive dolls, tea sets, and kitchen sets.

Boys; age-appropriate cars and trucks.

Boys or girls; musical and educational toys, games, back pack, art sets, building blocks, balls, crayons and coloring books.

3 - 5 years:

Girls; culturally sensitive dolls, jewelry, purses, barrettes and hair accessories, dish/tea sets, jump ropes.

Boys; trucks, cars, and action figures.

Boys or girls; sports equipment, scooters, helmets, backpacks, sleeping bags, stuffed animals, art and craft sets, magic sets, chalk, and educational toys.

6 - 8 years:

Girls; culturally sensitive dolls, jewelry, purses, hair accessories, dish/tea sets and jump ropes.

Boys; trucks, car collections, and action figures.

Boys or girls; Sports equipment, scooters, helmets, backpacks, sleeping bags, art and craft and magic sets, science sets, educational toys and board games.

9 - 12 years:

Girls; jewelry, arts and crafts supplies, socks and slippers.

Boys; sports equipment, socks and watches.

Boys or girls; back packs, sleeping bags, board games, science sets, educational items, hats, scarfs, inexpensive phone speakers, ear buds and chargers.

13 - 18 years:

Girls; makeup kits, hair brush/comb sets, electric hair curlers/flat irons, purses, slippers, perfumes and lotions.

Boys; sporting equipment, wallets, duffel bags, cologne, shaving items and grooming sets.

Boys or girls; gift cards, socks, hats, scarfs, gloves, backpacks, inexpensive phone speakers, ear buds, chargers, sunglasses, watches and jewelry.

Each child will receive a stuffed animal or a ball!

Thank You and Have A Merry Christmas!

2019 Christmas Eve Children's Festival Volunteer and Delivery Schedule

DATE	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
12/14 Sat.	Deliveries (volunteers)									
	Deliveries (volunteers)	Set-up Secret Santa Shop (volunteers)								
12/15 Sun.	Deliveries (volunteers)			Secret Santa Shop (volunteers)			Decorate Tree (volunteers)		McDivett Center Dinner w/Santa	
12/16 Mon.	Wrapping and Deliveries (volunteers)									
12/17 Tues.		555 Peoplestown Senior Lunch @McDivett Center				Wrapping and Deliveries (volunteers)				
12/18 Wed.	Wrapping and Deliveries (volunteers)									
12/19 Thurs.	Wrapping and Deliveries (volunteers)						Grandparents' Party BaMO 7:00-9:00 pm			
12/20 Fri.						Wrapping and Deliveries (volunteers)				
12/21 Sat.	Wrapping and Deliveries (volunteers)									
12/22 Sun.	Wrapping and Deliveries (volunteers)									
12/23 Mon.	Wrapping and Deliveries (volunteers)									
12/24 Tues.	Volunteer Elves Set-up, assist Santa, facilitate performances, help families, grab bag table, etc.			Volunteer Elves Assist Santa, facilitate performances, help families, grab bag table, clean up			Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!			