

## **VCNIN CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM**

Since 1983 Valley Christian Neighbors in Need (VCNIN) has coordinated a Christmas Sharing Program every year for families in need in the Panhandle. This program provides food and gifts through an application process with Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska (CAPWN) and in collaboration with Knights of Columbus Council 2681 "Toys for Tots" and First State Bank's "Gift of Love" programs. Volunteer opportunities abound in order to make this program successful!

*If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Indeed someone may say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works. James 2:15-18*

**November 3 – December 31:** Coats 4 Kids @ Riverstone Bank, Scottsbluff & Gering. Collecting new or gently used coats to be given to CAPWN for distribution.

**November 3 – December 7:** Tree of Love @ Riverstone Bank, Scottsbluff & Gering. Stop by and pick out a name from the Tree of Love, purchase gifts, and return unopened to Riverstone Bank by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday, December 10, 9 a.m. :** Canned good sorting @ St. Agnes School Gym. Canned goods from the food drives will be sorted for use in the gift baskets and for local food pantries.

**Saturday, December 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. :** Truck of Love @ Riverstone Bank, Scottsbluff – Collecting new or gently used toys, new or gently used coats (any size), non-perishable food items, and cash donations. St. Agnes School Student Council will be volunteering at the event.

**Saturday, December 10, 2:30 p.m.:** Riverstone Bank's Jingle Jog @ YMCA. 5K run/walk. Donation of a new, unwrapped toy at the time of registration takes \$5 off the registration fee.

**December 13 – 15:** Gift wrapping @ Knights of Columbus Hall, 1719 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Scottsbluff. Open to the public, bring a pair of scissors and practice your wrapping skills. All the unwrapped gifts collected must be wrapped before delivery. Show up any time after 5 p.m. and stay as long as you can.

**Saturday, December 17, 9 a.m. :** Gift basket sorting @ St. Agnes School Gym.

**Sunday, December 18, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. :** Gift Basket Drive Thru @ St. Agnes School Gym. Volunteers needed to distribute food baskets, toys, and bikes to recipients of the Christmas Sharing Program.

### **Other opportunities for giving:**

**Small boxes for gift wrapping:** Ever gift wrapped a stuffed animal in the shape of an elephant? How about a package of socks, a hooded sweatshirt, or a collection of lip glosses? Save your cardboard boxes and bring to the Knights of Columbus Hall (1719 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Scottsbluff) Monday evenings during Bingo. Please make sure the boxes do not display any brand name and remove any address labels. Breaking down flat is appreciated for storage, but not required.

**Christmas-themed gift wrap, tape, and scissors:** Drop off at the Knights of Columbus Hall (1719 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Scottsbluff) Monday evenings during Bingo. Donations help to defray the costs of purchasing.

**Gifts for teenagers:** The Tree of Love program does not accept names of children over the age of 15 and struggles to fulfill the requests of those over 12. Drop off at the Knights of Columbus Hall (1719 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Scottsbluff) Monday evenings during Bingo.

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