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Kick-off Your Holiday Season By Volunteering

The Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network and The Walt Disney Company proudly present Family Volunteer Day. This annual day of service is designed to demonstrate the power of families who choose to volunteer together to support the communities in which they live and serve.

Volunteering as a family provides quality time for busy families, strengthens communication and bonds and positively impacts local communities across the nation. The Foundation created the day to highlight the benefits of family volunteering and to provide an

opportunity for families to help communities create supportive environments for their children and each other.

Each year Family Volunteer Day is strategically held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving as a means to “kick-off” the holiday season with giving and service. This year it will be held on Saturday November 17, 2007. The day will kick off National Family Week which is November 18-23. For more information or project ideas visit www.disney.go.com. To search for volunteer opportunities within Glynn and McIntosh please give us a call or browse our online database.

There Are Several Ways To Give Back During The Holidays...

VOLUNTEER!

The Salvation Army Volunteer Bell Ringers are needed at locations across Brunswick and St. Simons Island, including Wal-Mart, Belk, Colonial Mall, Harris Teeter on SSI and all Winn– Dixie stores. Beginning November 23rd– December 24th, Monday–Saturday 10am– 9pm. Call Sandy at 265-9381 to schedule date, time and location. **Angel Tree Toy Shop & Toys for Tots Warehouse Workers:** Help organize toys for distribution day. Monday– Friday Nov. 26– Dec. 17, 2007 Call Mary 571-4876 **Distribution Day:** Help parents give their children a great Christmas. December

18th, 9am-12pm & 1pm – 3pm Contact Mary for more information. 571-4876

McIntosh Family

Thanksgiving Dinner Help deliver warm Thanksgiving meals to those in need throughout McIntosh county.

Thanksgiving Day at 11am, 12pm, and 1pm. American Legion Post 137 Blount Crossing Road. Contact Mark Haddock or Tonya Payne at 437-2663

Speech, Hearing and Rehabilitation Enterprises

(SHARE) Sing carols or read a story to bring a smile to members of the Adult Day Care

Program. Create fun and easy crafts with the Dear Program, serving adults with disabilities. Please contact Clover, Barbara,



or Cheryl at 264-3141 if you are interested.

The Humane Society Christmas with The Animals. December 8th, 12pm – 5pm. Come visit and play with the adorable furry

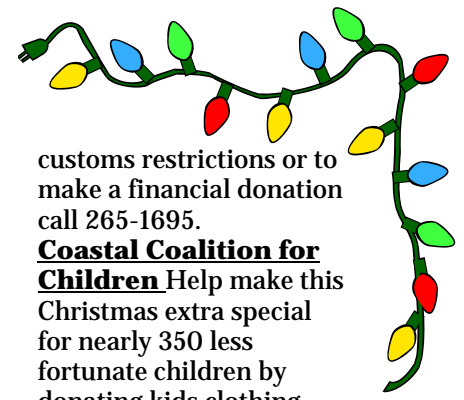
friends or even take one for a walk. The Humane Society: 4627 US Highway 17 North Brunswick, GA. 261-1191.

Hospice of the Golden Isles Hospice is sponsoring their “Tree of Life” at the Colonial Mall, benefiting the Children’s Bereavement Fund. Volunteers are needed to accept donations Mon-Fri from 4-6 and 6-8pm, Sat.

12-8pm and Sun. from 1-5pm. Please contact Sharon Crow for more information at 265-4735 or sharocraw@bellsouth.net.

America’s Second Harvest Volunteers are needed to help sort and shelve food in the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Beginning November 26th, volunteers are needed Mon.-Fri. 8am-3pm at 3810 Witlock Street, Brunswick. Call 912-279-0074 to sign-up.

The Triumph Foundation Volunteers are needed during our Christmas Party December 15th, from 6:30pm-10:00pm to play and ‘be a buddy’ to these special children. For the full project address and directions, please contact Cindy Lupi at 638– 7100.



DONATE!

The Salvation Army

Accepting unwrapped toys and clothing for children 0-12 years old. The Salvation Army 1624 Reynolds Street 9am-3pm.

Or shop for an 'Angel' from our Angel Tree, located at Colonial Mall, Cracker Barrel and Applebee's!

Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeast

Georgia All Boys and Girls clubs will be having Christmas parties this year. The Clubs are requesting Christmas candy, finger foods and desserts for their parties, as well as any Christmas decorations and artificial trees. The Boys and Girls Club Christmas parties will be benefiting over 800 kids in Glynn county! Items can be dropped off no later than December 14th at the Terrill Thomas Club 3836 Johnston Street, Brunswick between 7:30am and 8:00pm. Please contact Kim Raines for information 996-3997.

Amity House The Amity House is requesting new, unwrapped toys for children ages newborn and up for their Christmas Party, December 7th. Or, Adopt-A-Family to grant the wishes of a special family in need- a great service opportunity for families, church groups, or businesses. Also, gifts for the women and children residents of the shelter for Christmas morning.

Please contact Jeannie Roberts if you are interested at 264-4357. **Empty Stocking Fund** Help make a difference in the lives of families and children throughout McIntosh county. Monetary (cash or check) donations can be sent by mail to: The Empty Stocking Fund at Southeastern Bank, P.O. Box 455, Darien, GA 31305 or at SapeloSouthern Bank, P.O. Box 727, Darien, GA 31305. Donations, marked 'Empty Stocking Fund', can also be dropped off at these banks.

Toys For Tots

Collection boxes will be located throughout Brunswick, St. Simons Island, Jekyll Island, and Darien for donations of new, unwrapped toys. All toys are donated to underprivileged children within these areas. For more information or for a list of drop off locations please go online to www.toysfortots.org or call Jeff Dempsey at 222-4500.



The Humane Society

Help make 'Christmas with the Animals' an unforgettable day by donating toys, blankets, or food. Please visit www.humanesociety-pets.org for the complete wish list.

Speech, Hearing and Rehabilitation

Enterprise (SHARE) Help enrich the lives of those in our Dear Program by donating craft supplies. Contact Clover, Barbara or Cheryl

for drop-off information 264-3141. **International Seafarers Center** Share your holidays with those who enter our ports. Create a mariner's personal gift box: please wrap and label "man", "woman" or "child" and bring to the International Seafarer's Center: 307 Newcastle Street, Brunswick. Suggested items include: common medical items, leisure items, clothing such as socks and gloves, snacks (sealed or pop-tops), reading materials, stationary items, amenities and children's items. Invite the whole family and experience the joy of giving! Contact Eleanor or

Kay, Mon.-Thurs. from 10am-4pm at 267-0631. **The American Red Cross** OPERATION: SEASONS GREETINGS for our military men and women in Iraq. Donations are being accepted through Nov. 30th at the following locations:

- American Red Cross
- Brunswick Memorial Park and Cemetery
- Darien Telephone Company
- Harris Teeter

Suggested items include board games, cards, magazines, DVDs, sunscreen, snack foods (store-sealed), stationary items, lip balm, and more. For information regarding Iraqi law and

customs restrictions or to make a financial donation call 265-1695.

Coastal Coalition for Children

Help make this Christmas extra special for nearly 350 less fortunate children by donating kids clothing (ages 0-6, sizes 6mth-6) and educational toys and books (especially those in English and Spanish). Each child will receive a toy or book and a piece of clothing or outfit. Drop off donations before December 18th to either Latin American Resource Center: 1312 Reynolds St., Brunswick or the Coastal Coalition for Children's office: 2311 Heron St., Brunswick. Contact Linda Brown at 262-1855 ext. 3 for more information.

United Way United Way of Coastal Georgia funds more than 25 programs throughout Glynn and McIntosh Counties. A donation to United Way makes a lasting impact throughout the year with programs such as Boys and Girls Club, Amity House, and the Salvation Army. For a complete list of funded programs, please visit www.uwcga.org or call 265-1850.

Happy Holidays from all of us at Hands On Coastal Georgia and United Way of Coastal Georgia.