

FAMILIES FORWARD

MISSION: Helping families help themselves

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WISH LIST:

Food Pantry Items: Juice, fruit, jelly, canned chicken, crackers, baking supplies

New or Barely Used Baby Items for Mothers: Diapers: Medium and Large sizes. Children's toys.

Housing Items: Pillows, mattress pads, blankets, towels, sheets, small appliances

Miscellaneous Items for the Residents: Gift certificates to shoe stores, bookstore or department stores. Teens appreciate movie passes, certificates to music stores or fast food certificates.

Specific Needs: Adopt-A-Family sponsor form on website. Call Megan Joyce at (949) 553- 2727 x232 or at Mjoyce@families-forward.org to coordinate a food drive.

Volunteers: Need volunteers to sort Thanksgiving food in warehouse 11/10 – 11/21. Volunteers needed to work Adopt a Family program. 550 families are signed up for both the Thanksgiving program and Adopt a Family program, with another 200 on waiting lists.

2008 Fall & Holiday Volunteer Opportunities for Families Forward

Contact Kelly Banks kbanks@families-forward.org 949-552-2727 x. 231

Food Pantry – Weekly Food Preparations

Volunteers needed all fall to work in warehouse, inventorying food donations, running warehouse!

Monday mornings – 9am to 12 noon. Bag food, sort & inventory all food donations. *See special dates/times below – Empty Barrel Work Party Dates!

New volunteers must contact kbanks@families-forward.org to schedule orientation.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings 9am to 12 noon, Fridays 9am-1pm - Bag bread, help with inventorying food. Afternoon times available upon request with Kelly Banks.

Office Volunteers – Volunteers needed to help staff the front office during the busy holiday season, 9-5 Monday – Thursdays, 9-1 Fridays. Training is required. See Kelly for details

***Food Inventorying – Special Empty Barrel Work Party Dates: Sort donated food!!**

- Oct. 30 5pm-8pm (Thursday)
- Nov. 1 9am – 12 noon (Saturday)
- Nov. 6 5pm – 8pm (Thursday pm) - Filled
- Nov. 11 9am – 12 noon & 1pm – 5pm (Tuesday – Veteran’s Day)

Food Preparation Week for Thanksgiving Baskets: The warehouse will be open all week to prepare for this big event! Many volunteers needed to prepare & organize food at these times:

- Nov. 17 – 20, Monday through Thursday - 9am to 12 noon and/or 1pm to 5pm
- Nov. 19 Wednesday 5:00pm -7:30pm – evening opportunity – FILLED – NO availability
- Nov. 21 Friday 9am – 1pm

Nov 21 & Nov 22. - Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution: Waiting list only as of 10/30/08

Volunteers help prepare and distribute baskets to client families

To sign up for the Thanksgiving Distribution event – email Debbie Regele at dregele@families-forward.org or call 949-552-2727 x.226

- Fri. –Nov. 21 – 3:30pm – 7pm
- Sat. –Nov. 22 - 9:15am – 11:30am & 11:15am – 1:30pm

Adopt A Family Holiday Program - Email or call for signups

Be a donor – adopt a family. Gifts to be delivered to Families Forward by Dec.4

Be a “Receiving Santa” and/or “Holiday Angel” Volunteer – Both needed!!

- Dec. 1-4 9am – 12, 1pm to 5pm
- Dec. 5 9am – 1pm (Friday)
- Dec. 8-11 9am – 12, 1pm to 5pm
- Dec.12 9am-1pm (Friday)
- Dec. 13 9am-12 noon (Saturday)
- Dec.15-18 9am-12, 1pm to 5pm
- Dec. 17 5:30pm – 7:30pm
- Dec. 19 9am-1pm (Friday)
- Dec. 20 9am-12 noon (Saturday)
- Dec.22-23 9am – 1pm

Receiving Santa volunteers receive donated gift bags and help distribute to clients picking up gifts.

Holiday Angel volunteers prepare & organize donated gift bags for pickup by parents.

WAREHOUSE IS CLOSED TO VOLUNTEERS BETWEEN 12 NOON – 1PM

Persons/groups that want to volunteer to help with any of these projects are requested to contact FF Volunteer Coordinator, Kelly Banks in advance 949-552-2727 or kbanks@families-forward.org. All volunteers must provide name and contact information .THANKS FOR YOUR HELP! ☺