

## Most-Asked Festival Questions

### When & where is this festival?

On Saturday, Dec 19 th, from 3-6 pm we will be at the A&I building on the south side of the coliseum at the fairgrounds in Jackson

### Who do we help ?

We help children from birth to age 15. Their parent or guardian must be working, going to school while working or a retired or disabled grandparent. We interview each family who applies for help & consider circumstances such as sudden divorce, abandonment, fire, & medical emergencies.

### What is the next step?

We visit each child in their home and assess their needs & wishes, pray with the family. We watch & listen to key in on other things we need to do to help (ex.: coats, furniture, diapers, food, etc.). The children's wishes & needs are written on a lamb-shaped card & made available to sponsors.

### What does a sponsor do?

Once a sponsor signs up for a particular child, they become the vessel that God will use to make that child's **Christmas a blessed time**—instead of a time of need & bad memories.

### Why do we have a festival instead of just giving out toys to the parents?

We do give out gifts, at least 3 or more of their wishes & lots of extras. Giving them out at the festival, is our opportunity, and yours, to meet, entertain, & witness to each child & their family.

The miracle of this whole event is to see how everyone gathers to bless the children but, the volunteers and the sponsors are the ones who get the biggest blessing of all...**you just can't out-give God !!!**



## Wingard Christmas Morning

The Happy Birthday, Jesus, Festival is not the only project we have at Christmas. We also have a "family Christmas" morning every year at Wingard Home.

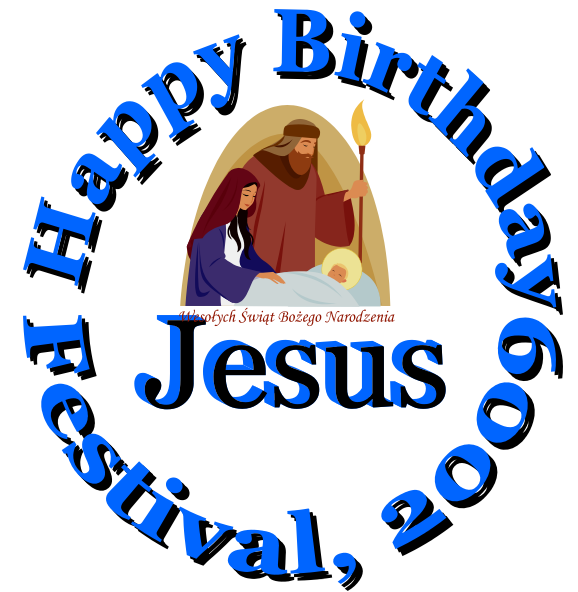
It is enough of a trauma in one's life to be homeless or battered any time of the year: to be in that situation during a "family holiday season" is adding insult to injury.

On Christmas morning, we will all gather around the big tree in the dining room, and watch the children in the ministry open their gifts (and the "big children" get gifts too). There will be hot chocolate with marshmallows (and maybe whipped cream) peppermint hot tea, spiced apple cider, and homemade goodies to snack on. Christmas and the real meaning will be proclaimed for all to hear at Wingard and then we will pray over the day and all who gave to make it possible. There is a photo show link on our web site: see for yourself: it is truly a worthy project to adopt.

## Wingard Home Christmas gifts

If you would like to bless a lot of people with your gift giving; then, consider giving one on the "big" gifts below. It will be a Christmas blessing that last all year and will bless the many people who come through Wingard Home each year.

1. DINING ROOM TABLES & CHAIRS:  
(Round bistro-type) tables in wood & chrome with four chairs each— we need seating for 40-42 & it **must be sturdy!**
2. SMALL P.U. TRUCK FOR PICK-UPS
3. MEDIUM FLAT TV FOR LIBRARY  
On the library wall (out of the reach of little hands) we want to place a television to play children's programs— it would be best if it had a dvd/vcr player to attach.
4. MODERN DESK TOP COMPUTER  
New computer w/good memory/media edition/ broadband access/& new windows— we desperately need to modernize our computers
5. HEAVY DUTY WASHER & DRYER
6. PAPER SHREDDER



20 th Annual  
Saturday, Dec. 19th, 2009  
3-6pm  
at the A&I Building  
on the Jackson Fairgrounds

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*"Loving Jesus, and feeding the sheep...."*

## Ideas for game booths

**Game Booth Ideas:** All the booths should have a Christmas theme and be decorative and set up with free treats, prizes, or rewards for the children.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Football throw   | <input type="checkbox"/> Build a necklace or bracelet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball shoot | <input type="checkbox"/> Story of the candy cane      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring toss        | <input type="checkbox"/> Make a Christmas ornament    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon popping  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ducks in a pond  | <input type="checkbox"/> Family photos for nativity   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cake walk        | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal petting area          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Face painting    | <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks for the kids          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon twisting | <input type="checkbox"/> Drinks for the kids          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musical chairs   | <input type="checkbox"/> Popcorn & Cotton candy       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bean bag throw   | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee & hot chocolate café  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing game     | <input type="checkbox"/> Large space jump or slide    |



Four Booths  
From Dec 08  
Festival

## Christmas Festival Projects for Groups

- We need a small security team to watch the doors, monitor around the booths, guard the gifts, and help give out gifts at the end.
- A group is needed to gather donations of adult goodies & gifts (as door prizes). Wrap them up real pretty. As the child's parent or guardian comes into the festival, register the adults at your door prize booth. You can, then, draw names and make a big deal of the adults getting gifts all during the festival.....the kids love it !!
- On the morning of the 19th, we need a team of volunteers to decorate the building and make it look bright and cheerful. There will be decorations, lights, & trees available to use. If you have extra, please bring them, too!
- A live nativity will definitely be a team project. It is one of the most important booths at the festival & is the best ministry tool available for telling the children about the real meaning of Christmas.
- Sponsoring some little lambs (children in need) would be great fun and very much a blessing to the child you sponsor and to you & your family. We use little lamb cards with each child's name and wishes listed on them.... Jesus was the precious "Lamb of God" & Jesus is the reason we celebrate.



Our web site BLOG...is the very best way to get last-minute updates, the most up-to-the-minute needs & find out what's happening "right now" at our Ministry. Also, if you would like to set up an automatic monthly donation from your account, click on the "donate now" link on our web site.

## Needs List for Winter Season

### Pantry

- Dry cereal & instant oatmeal
- Mustard & Mayonaise
- Pickle relish
- Sugar & sugar substitute
- Honey
- Peanut butter & Jelly
- Salad dressings-nothing fancy
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Coffee creamer
- Salt, pepper, garlic powder, minced onion, etc
- Olive Oil & flavored vinegars
- Cooking oil
- Canned soups
- Ramen noodles
- Canned meats
- Canned spinach, greens, & asparagus
- Case of oranges, apples, grapes, or bananas
- 50 lbs. of onions, potatoes, or sweet potatoes
- Pasta
- Gift card to Kroger or WalMart so we can buy Holiday cooking needs

### General Household

- Cleaning supplies & Bleach
- Stainless steel cleaner & grill bricks
- Dishwashing detergent (by hand)
- Toilet paper
- Commercial mops, brooms, and dust mops
- Commercial mop buckets
- Trash bags-contractor, lawn & leaf, & kitchen
- Light bulbs
- Personal care items
- First aid and medicine cabinet items
- Disinfectants
- Paper shredder
- Lowes or Home Depot gift cards for Ministry Homes upkeep & repair