Agency Wish List

VOLUNTEER & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

United Way of Central Louisiana
Dear Volunteers and Donors,

Throughout the year, United Way of Central Louisiana receives phone calls and e-mails from organizations, businesses, individuals and families who want to help, but don’t know where to start especially during the holiday season. Whether they want to give financially, advocate for a cause, or volunteer their time they are looking for a way to LIVE UNITED.

The 2018-2019 Agency Wish List Guide makes it easier for everyone to LIVE UNITED. The activities, which are arranged alphabetically by agency names, clearly identify the need for specific resources and generous volunteers at organizations in our area. When you find an opportunity that interests you, simply call the agency to find out more information. Because certain opportunities fill quickly, you should contact the agency as early as possible.

Please share this guide with your neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family. We hope that the guide will help make many more wishes come true for agencies and individuals in our area.

Thank you for giving and volunteering. Thank you for choosing to LIVE UNITED.

The Agency Wish List is brought to you by the United Way of Central Louisiana staff.

Tips for using the guide
- Use the index on page 3 to quickly find the agencies.
- Form a group of friends or co-workers to “adopt” a family or an individual.
- Take up a collection to purchase gift certificates or vouchers.
- Start a collection drive by placing a decorated carton for co-workers and/or customers. List items needed or items to be collected.
- Look for a volunteer opportunity for the whole family, like sorting or delivering food baskets.

If you want to share the Guide with others, you may copy any portion of it. Additional copies may also be downloaded from www.uwcl.org
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         Alexandria, LA  71301

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Website Address: www.redcross.org/la/alexandria

Agency Mission:
To help communities prepare for, prevent, and respond to disasters and emergencies. To prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

Holiday Wish List:
Bunn small office coffee brewer, industrial vacuum cleaner, laminating machine, general office supplies, paper towels, items for comfort kits such as small containers of hand sanitizer, small bottles of shampoo and conditioner, small toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste, disposable razors.

Volunteer Needs:
Front desk receptionists (part-time), Disaster Action Team members, general office functions such as making copies, folding brochures, cleaning, organizing, etc. Social media liaison would also be very helpful.
Avoyelles Society for the Developmentally Disabled

Address: 377 Moreau Street
Marksville, LA 71351

Contact Person: Executive Director
Phone Number: (318)253-6955
Email address: asdd@kricket.net
Website address: www.silverliningpieco.com

Agency Mission:
Our mission is to help individuals with developmental disabilities from Avoyelles Parish grow to their fullest potential and to develop opportunities for each individual by meeting their needs, providing job opportunities, quality training, and support which enable them to become productive individuals of our community.

ADOPT A FAMILY: Families that need “adopted” for the holidays

X Yes, Adults only

Please contact the Executive Director for information on adopting Special needs adults for the holidays.

Holiday Wish List:
Gloves, Baby wipes, Craft Supplies, Activities

Volunteer Needs:
Craft or art project lessons
Boudreaux’s Animal Rescue Krewe (B.A.R.K.)

Address: 
P.O. Box 404
Tioga, LA 71477 (mailing)

2630 Broadway Avenue
Alexandria, LA 71302 (for donations)

Contact Person: Jillian Donaghey
Phone Number: (318) 308-6862
Email Address: LONGJ1003@aol.com
Website Address: www.facebook.com/Barkanimalrescue

Agency Mission:
To rescue and care for unwanted neglected and/or abused animals while waiting to adopt them.

Holiday Wish List:
Large leaf trash bags, bleach, cat litter, Advantage ll for cats, 2 gallon pump up sprayers, large Kong toys, 100 lb. weight zip ties, hose nozzles, tools, Kuranda elevated beds, Arm & Hammer cat litter deodorizers, chew toys for dogs, milk bones, fish oil capsules, baby shampoo, towels, sheets and blankets (new or used), toilet paper, 8.5 x11 copy paper, clear sheet protectors, black sharpies, scrub aid pads, Neosporin, Band-Aids, heavy duty extension cords, high protein retriever brand dry dog food, bottle water, puppy chow, rice cereal, lots of happy adoptions!

Volunteer Needs:
Dog walkers, kennel cleaners, cat care, lawn care, building repairs, dog bathers
Volunteers to help with fundraising events, train new volunteers, and help at adoption events.
Central Louisiana Arts & Healthcare, Inc.

Address: PO Box 12802
Alexandria, LA 71315

Contact Person: Judy Ginsburgh
Phone Number: (318) 792-6416
Email address: judy@artsandhealthcare.org
Website address: www.artsandhealthcare.org

Agency Mission:
To provide innovative arts experiences in healthcare settings

Holiday Wish List:
Michael’s gift cards (to purchase canvases, paints, craft items), white computer paper, playdough, Crayola model magic clay, coloring books.

Volunteer Needs:
Musicians to play in lobbies and waiting areas, Dancer to facilitate chair aerobics/easy movement activities in the rehab gym, visual artists to work with patients to enjoy art, visual artists to exhibit their art in the hospital gallery, people who care about our mission to serve on our Board of Directors
Central Louisiana AIDS Support Services (CLASS)

Address: 1785 Jackson Street
Alexandria, LA 71301

Contact Person: Ann Lowrey, Executive Director
Phone Number: (318) 442-1010
Email Address: classdirector@yahoo.com
Website Address: www.class.life

Agency Mission:
Our mission is to improve the quality of life for those infected and affected by HIV; to reduce the risk of HIV and STD transmission by offering free testing, evidence-based prevention services including PrEP, prevention materials, wellness services, and substance/alcohol abuse prevention programming; to educate and raise community awareness and support to address the social determinants contributing to the spread of HIV; and to promote a healthy and diverse community free of stigma and discrimination.

ADOPT A FAMILY: Families that need “adopted” for the holidays

Yes, Families with children (16 & under)

Holiday Wish List:
Toys, games, books, art supplies, footballs, basketballs and soccer balls for children; gift cards for teens; Clothing for children, teens and adults including jackets, caps and scarves; Blankets, towels and household items; personal hygiene products and non-perishable food items for the food pantry.

Volunteer Needs:
Volunteers are needed to assist with landscaping and building repairs and maintenance; sorting food items in the Food Pantry; wrapping and assembling holiday packages, assisting with fundraising activities for the annual Cenla Pride Celebration of Diversity event; providing medical and non-medical support services for the Gay Men's Wellness Center; and supporting UBU Cenla's Prom to be held in June 2019.
Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition

Address: 1515 Jackson Street
Alexandria, LA 71301

Contact Person: Hayley Edwards

Phone Number: (318) 443-0500 Ext. 102

Email Address: info@cenlahomeless.org

Website Address: www.cenlahomeless.org

Agency Mission:
To identify, advocate, and mobilize community resources to ensure all people in central Louisiana have access to stable homes.

Holiday Wish List:
“adopt” a recently-housed/formerly homeless individual by providing a holiday turkey or roast or food box; new socks, hats, and gloves, blankets, sweatshirts and jackets and household items

Volunteer Needs:
Register for volunteer opportunities by clicking JOIN US at www.cenlahomeless.org. Volunteers are needed for the Homeless Resource Center Monday through Friday and street outreach occasionally.
Children’s Advocacy Network

Address: 1751 Jackson Street
Alexandria, LA 71301

Contact Person: Wade Bond, Executive Director
Phone Number: (318)448-4006 ext. 4003
Email address: WBond@childrensadvocacy.net
Web address: www.childrensadvocacy.net

Agency Mission:
The mission of the Children’s Advocacy Network is to help heal and champion abused and neglected children throughout Central Louisiana.

Holiday Wish List:
Every December, the Children’s Advocacy Network program provides Christmas gifts to all children and families with a foster child in their home. We are asking for new, nonviolent, unwrapped toys for children aged 0-17, $15-$25 purchase range. We are also requesting gift cards and/or gift items for teens aged 13-18 in the amount of $15-$25. We will distribute the toys on December 5th.
CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Auxiliary Department

Address: 3330 Masonic Drive  
Alexandria, LA 71301

Contact Person: Patrick Braquet
Phone Number: (318) 448-6798
Email Address: patrick.braquet@christushealth.org
Website Address: www.christusstfrancescabrini.org

Agency Mission:
To extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

Holiday Wish List:
Gently used books and/or Magazines.

Volunteer Needs:
Volunteers needed for the following areas in the hospital:
Volunteers needed for different areas of support throughout the hospital. Deliver hospitality gift bags to patients who are unexpectedly admitted through the ER.
CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Cancer Center

Address: 3330 Masonic Drive
Alexandria, LA 71301

Contact Person: Debbie Guy, LCSW, Oncology Social Worker

Phone Number: (318)466-6074

Email Address: debra.guy@christushealth.org

Website Address: www.cabrini.org

Agency Mission:
To extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. The cancer center services residents of Rapides parish as well as the surrounding seven parishes.

Holiday Wish List:
Dietary supplements: Ensure, Boost, Breez, Glucerna. Assistance with travel expenses in the form of gas cards, discount coupons or free meal passes at local restaurants, hotel expenses. Help with supplies such as wigs, scarves, men and women caps/hats.
Community HealthWorx

Address: 1543 McGinnis Street
Alexandria, La.  71301

Contact Person: Debbie Bradford, Executive Director

Phone Number: (318)767-9979

Email Address: dbradford@healthworx.org

Website Address: www.healthworx.org

Agency Mission:
Community HealthWorx is a private, not-for-profit organization that provides dental care/treatment, medical treatment, preventive medicine, pharmaceutical services, and health education to the underserved persons of central Louisiana, including Veterans, and promotes program development through collaborative partnerships.

Holiday Wish List:
Paper plates, plastic utensils, paper towels, aluminium foil, 30 gallon garbage bags, liquid soap, soft drinks (for volunteers), copy paper, bottled water.

Volunteer Needs:
Doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners to volunteer for Tuesday evening medical clinic, and Dentists and dental assistants for Thursday night dental clinic. On Tuesday mornings, individuals to sort medicines received from local nursing homes.
Faith House, Inc.

Address: PO Box 93145
        Lafayette LA 70509

Contact Person: Krystal Birkheimer

Phone Number: 318-448-0884

Email Address: Krystal@faithhouseacadiana.com

Website Address: www.faithhouseacadiana.com

Agency Mission:
To provide safety, empowerment, and advocacy to survivors of domestic violence and their children

ADOPT A FAMILY: Families that need “adopted” for the holidays

- Yes, Families with children (17 & under)
- Yes, Adults only

Holiday Wish List:
New socks, undergarments, bath products, scarves, gloves, makeup kits, pillows, blankets, color books, toy cars/trucks, games, children’s videos, MP3 players, baby toys, Legos, dress up clothes for children and gift cards for eating out and entertainment.

Volunteer Needs:
Volunteers are needed for special events, to distribute program literature, and for general office work.
Food Bank of Central Louisiana

Address: 3223 Baldwin Avenue
Alexandria, LA 71301

Contact Person: Linda Hutson
Phone Number: (318)445-2773
Email Address: lhutson@fbcenla.org
Website Address: www.fbcenla.org

Agency Mission:
To alleviate hunger in Central Louisiana

Holiday Wish List:
Monetary Donations- Financial contributions to the Food Bank of Central Louisiana help our clients in countless ways. Your gift can go to the general operation of the Food Bank or can be designated for one of the Food Bank’s many programs.
Food- Canned items and any type of nonperishable food products are always welcome. We also distribute fresh produce and are happy to accept donations of fruits and vegetables.
Share Our Message- Help share the Food Bank’s story with others in the community. Schedule a time to take a tour at the Food Bank and tell friends and family what you learned. You can also follow the Food Bank of Central Louisiana on Facebook and ask others to do the same.

Volunteer Needs:
Volunteers are the heart of our operation. Individuals or groups are always welcome. Please contact Carole Stafford at the Food Bank at 445-2773 or email cstafford@fbcenla.org to schedule a time to help us. Volunteers are needed to help pack food boxes and backpacks, as well as sorting food and labeling cans. Volunteers are also needed for light office work.
Food Bank of Central Louisiana’s Good Food Project

Address: 3223 Baldwin Avenue
Alexandria, LA 71301

Contact Person: Frances Boudreaux
Phone Number: (318)445-2773
Email Address: fboudreaux@fbcenla.org
Website Address: www.goodfoodprojectcenla.org

Agency Mission:
Good Food Project Program Vision
The Good Food Project of the Food Bank of Central Louisiana envisions a healthy CENLA in which all children grow up with an awareness of and access to nutritious food. Through education and community partnership, The Good Food Project works to connect children with healthier food options, healthier behaviors, and improved health outcomes. Because a Healthy Life is a Happy Life!

Holiday Wish List:
1. Monetary donations to keep the program sustainable
2. Regular volunteer assistance
3. Monetary donations to support school garden programs
4. Garden Center gift cards (Austin Ag Supply, Garden Path Stone Center, Petrus Feed and Seed, Jeansonne Millworks, Ace Hardware, Walmart, Lowe’s, Home Depot) for soil, gravel, garden tools, garden supplies, organic garden supplies, garden – related products
5. Grocery store gift cards for food demonstrations/snacks at schools, youth centers, homeless shelters

Volunteer Needs:
We welcome individuals and groups of volunteers to help in our demonstration garden on Workday Wednesdays from 7:30 – 11:30 a.m. If a group can only participate on a Saturday, this must be scheduled in advance.
Friendship House Adult Day Services, Inc.

Address: 114 Sixth Street
           Alexandria, LA 71301

Contact Person: Faye Simpson, Executive Director
Phone Number: (318)473-9504
Email Address: director@friendship-house.net
Web Address: www.friendship-house.net

Agency Mission:
To provide a safe and caring day program in a clean, home-like setting where adults find a renewed sense of self-worth through healthcare, socialization and recreation.

Holiday Wish List:
SNACKS: Juice, cookies and crackers, popcorn, fat free candy and ice cream, applesauce, coffee, breakfast items.
PAPER GOODS: Paper towels. Toilet paper, tissue, napkins, copy paper, laundry and dish washing detergent.
MEDICAL SUPPLIES: Band aids, alcohol prep pads, cotton balls, Tylenol.
PRIZES: Prizes for bingo and Price is Right games.

Volunteer Needs:
Artists, musicians, storytellers, magicians and gardeners.
Girl Scouts of La Pines to the Gulf

Address: The Rapides Building
1101 4th Street
Alexandria, LA (office)

Contact Person: Jill Langlinais
Phone Number: (337) 984-1142
Email Address: jlanglinais@gslpg.org
Website Address: www.gslpg.org

Agency Mission:
To build girls of courage, character and confidence who make the world a better place.

Holiday Wish List:
Girl Registration fees $25 per girl; Arts & craft supplies to be used in activities; Camp scholarships $50 per girl; Journey books $8 a book; uniform fund to purchase vests, sashes. etc.; 2 laptops for office to be used by girls & volunteers.

Volunteer Needs:
Leaders for troops; lifeguards for camp; expertise driven volunteering; data entry to help at office, answer the phone, help at Cookie time.
Hope House of Central Louisiana

Address: 5115 South MacArthur Drive
Alexandria, LA 71302

Contact Person: Sandy Ray, Executive Director

Phone Number: (318)487-2061

Email Address: ceo@cenlahopehouse.org

Web Address: www.cenlahopehouse.org

Agency Mission:
To provide safe transitional housing and essential services to the homeless, empowering them to independence

ADOPT A FAMILY PROJECT: Families who are residing at Hope House are “adopted” by generous community donors who really do make a difference in the lives of those we serve. We are always looking for people who have caring spirits to help with this project.

Holiday Wish List:
Gift Cards for our residents for Christmas; New children toys for all ages; Gift boxes, all sizes; Gift bags, all sizes; Tissue Paper; and Wrapping Paper are a few ideas for the holiday giving season. “Adopt a Family” gifts should be useful and practical and we provide a “wish list” for each resident by calling Hope House 318-487-2061 extension 202.
Year-round facility needs include paper towels, toilet paper, large trash bags, HE laundry detergent, cleaning and sanitation supplies, brooms, mops, dust pans, baby diapers and baby supplies. Monetary donations are accepted and certainly help our mission tremendously. Tangible donations can be made at 5115 South MacArthur Drive Monday thru Thursday 8am-4pm. Monetary donations can be mailed to Hope House, P.O. Box 7477, Alexandria, Louisiana 71306 or thru our Pay Pal link on our Website www.cenlahopehouse.org

Year Round Volunteer Needs:
Work in our clothes closet; yard work; storage organization; children service volunteers, especially on educational evenings Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 6pm-7pm; educational volunteers to help teach our residents important life skills.
Inner-City Revitalization Corp. (IRC)

Address: 1902 Main Street
Alexandria, LA 71301

Contact Person: CyNita Nash
Phone Number: (318)442-1502
Email address: innercity@suddenlinkmail.com
Web address: www.innercityrevitalization.org

Agency Mission:
To provide the means for access to decent housing and opportunity for home ownership to all by building safe neighborhoods, a stronger community and meaningful economic opportunity

ADOPT A FAMILY: Families that need “adopted” for the holidays

X Yes, Adults only

Holiday Wish List:
Twin bedding, towels, laundry detergent, fabric sheets, bath soap, pillows, and blankets
Louisiana Purchase Council, Boy Scouts of America

Address: The Rapides Building
1101 4th Street, Suite 201
Alexandria, LA 71301

Contact Person: Shane Cooley, Scout Executive
Phone Number: (318) 325-4634
Email Address: shane.cooley@scouting.org
Website Address: www.louisianapurchasecouncil.org

Agency Mission:
The Boy Scouts of America provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

Holiday Wish List:
Safety Glasses
Leather Work Gloves
Shovels, Rakes, Hoes, Axes, and Bow Saws
Pump Sprayers for chemicals
Lumber: 2x4, 2x6, 2x8, 2x10, 2x12 any length. Pressure Treated and regular
2” & 3” Deck screws, 16d nails
Wasp Spray, fire ant poison, Weed killer concentrate (Roundup)
Wheel Barrow 2 or 3
Stihl Line Trimmer Brush Cutter type” weed eater”
Stihl Chainsaw with safety equipment, Chaps and Hard Hats
¼” manila rope
Duct tape
Steel “T” Fence Post
2 - 12 Volt batteries Marine / Boat type for clay throwers at Shotgun Range
Battery charger
Mechanics tool set. Sockets Ratchets Screw drivers, etc.
Wood Working tools. Circular Saw, jig saw, drills with bits and driver tips
Dust Mask

Volunteer Needs:
Volunteers are the backbone of our organization. We welcome volunteers at both the individual unit level and at Council special events.
Manna House

Address: 2655 Lee Street
Alexandria, LA 71307

Contact Person: Jessica Viator, Executive Director
Phone Number: (318)445-9053
Email address: cenlamannahouse@gmail.com
Web address: www.givetomannahouse.com

Agency Mission:
Our mission is to banish hunger from Central Louisiana. Thanks to your generosity and many others, our employees, which include two expert chefs, and a host of volunteers are able to work timelessly from our kitchen in Alexandria to serve healthy and hot meals 365 days of the year to fellow citizens in need.

This year is our 28th year in pursuit of the dream of our founder, Father Gerard Foley. Father Foley believed that every individual that felt the pangs of hunger in their stomach, be it child or adult, should have access to a hot meal in the Central Louisiana area if they were able to show up at the doorsteps of Manna House. Following Father Foley’s dream, over 6,400 meals are served each month to those in need in our community; however, to continue to be able to pursue our mission, we need your assistance.

Monetary Donations: Financial contributions to Manna House will help us continue our mission to feed those in need within our community. A donation can be made online at givetomannahouse.com or mail – PO Box 6011 Alexandria, La. 71307.

Holiday Wish List:
Utensils, napkins, aluminum foil, large trash bags 48-gallon, kitchen trash bags, hand sanitizer, Lysol, Lysol toilet bowl cleaner, Clorox cleanup, Ziploc bags (sandwich, quart & gallon size), Windex, large blue nitrile exam gloves, dish washing liquid, food service film, kitchen towels, marathon bath tissue, marathon dispenser roll paper towels.

Volunteer Needs:
Manna House is looking for volunteers to help serve on December 7, 14, 21 and 30th from 11:00am – 1:30pm. Please call (318)445-9053 or email cenlamannahouse@gmail.com to schedule your group.
NextSTEP of Central Louisiana, Inc.

Agency: NextSTEP of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Address: 308 Shamrock Street, Pineville, LA 71360
Contact Person: Carolyne Hoyt, Executive Director
Phone Number: (318) 664-0277
Email address: choyt@nextstepcenla.org
Website address: www.nextstepcenla.org

Agency Mission:
To develop and facilitate educational, awareness and prevention programs designed to reduce the incidence of teen dating violence, intimate partner violence, and domestic violence in the workplace in Central Louisiana. We believe every person has the right to live, learn and work without fear, and that no one deserves to be abused verbally, emotionally, physically or sexually.

Holiday Wish List:
Tax-deductible donations to meet the demand for NextSTEP’s dating violence awareness and prevention initiative in Central Louisiana schools. To date, NextSTEP has trained more than 13,000 7th – 12th graders in 15 schools in four parishes. A Fight We Can Win helps schools, free of charge, to meet their legal and safety obligations and overcome a major obstacle to academic success – dating violence. Through education, teens are empowered to avoid becoming victims of abusive relationships, thus keeping them from repeating the intergenerational cycle of intimate partner violence that plagues family life in Louisiana.

Volunteer Needs:
Inputting data from student post-tests/evaluations to measure the effectiveness of our school-based-training and to receive student feedback. Data is used to generate outcome reports for principals and school superintendents, as well as to improve the effectiveness of the learning experience for students.
Re-Entry Solutions

Address: 1617 Branch Street
        Alexandria, LA 71302

Contact Person: Candy Christophe, LCSW, LAC, Exec. Director

Phone Number: (318) 443-0189 or (318) 715-8179

Email Address: Reentrysolutions@aol.com

Website Address: www.re-entriesolutions4la.com

Agency Mission:
To coordinate with existing community resources and develop needed ones to break the cycle of return to incarceration.

ADOPT A FAMILY: Families that need “adopted” for the holidays

X Yes, Families with children (17 & under)

Volunteer Needs:
Volunteers needed to help identify job openings with various employers.
Volunteers to help clients strengthen their interview skills and assist with resume building. Help schedule speaking engagements for the Executive Director with possible employers and to assist at job fairs.

THANK YOU FOR OPENING YOUR HEARTS AND CHANGING LIVES LIVE UNITED
The Salvation Army

Address: 620 Beauregard Street
Alexandria, LA 71301

Contact Person: Receptionist
Phone Number: (318) 442-0445
Website Address: www.salvationarmyusa.org
www.redkettlevolunteer.org

Agency Mission:
Preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His Name without discrimination

Holiday Wish List:
New age appropriate toys and gifts. Please do not wrap gifts. We suggest gift bags, or wrapping materials may be included, separately.

Volunteer Needs:
• Ring the Bell: Mondays - Saturdays: call Megan Cloud 318-767-1711 ext. 102 or email: megan.cloud@uss.salvationarmy.org or visit www.redkettlevolunteer.org Megan can direct Pineville Location volunteers to Marvin Zochert
• Serve Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner: 3-5:00 volunteer to help serve, and clean 620 Beauregard St, Alexandria *You may collect donations of dinner rolls and desserts
• Serve Christmas and New Year's Day Community Dinner: 5-6:00 volunteer to help serve and clean. @620 Beauregard St, Alexandria *you may collect donations of dinner rolls and desserts
• Help pack holiday food boxes: December location to be announced
• Volunteer at the Toy Shop: December location (excluding Sundays) location to be announced
• Sponsor a Toy Drive (for Forgotten Angels) collect new unwrapped toys; get creative and decorate a box, monitor and deliver toys to The Salvation Army.
• Adopt an Angel: You can choose an angel (buy toys for a child in need).
• Put up a Christmas tree and decorate: We need help decorating a day room we use for the homeless. We have a tree and some decorations. 620 Beauregard, Alex
• Help Serve a meal at the Shelter any day of the Season! 7 days a week, 365 days a year (18 and under must be accompanied by Adult or parent) Breakfast 6-8am or Supper 4-6:00pm.
T.R.E.E. House Children’s Museum

Address: 1403 Third Street
Alexandria, Louisiana, 71301

Contact Person: Kara Edwards or Shanna Hartman

Phone Number: (318)619-9394

Email Address: kidstreehouse@bellsouth.net

Website Address: www.kidtreehouse.org

Agency Mission:
It is our mission to provide children with a sensory-engaging, interactive, and fun learning experience. It is our goal to plant the seeds of learning and nourish their growth.

Holiday Wish List:

Volunteer Needs:
Volunteers needed to operate model railroad exhibit.
Volunteers needed to plant, weed, harvest community garden.
Volunteers needed to maintain fish aquarium.
Volunteers needed to supervise children during field trip season (March – July).
VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA OF NORTH LOUISIANA: CENTRAL LOUISIANA

Address: 3704 Coliseum Blvd.
Alexandria, LA  71303

Contact Person: Agnes Monconduit
Phone Number: 318-442-8026
Email Address: agnes.monconduit@voanorthla.org
Website Address: www.voanorthla.org/cenla

Agency Mission:
Volunteers of America of North Louisiana is a faith-based ministry of service providing opportunity, promoting dignity, and inspiring change in all who find their way to us. Services are provided to families and children, Veterans, mentally ill, those seeking affordable housing, and homeless individuals.

Adopt a Family: Families that need “adopted” for the holidays
☐ YES, Families with children (17 & under)

Holiday Wish List:
• Diapers and wipes
• New or gently used infant or toddler clothing
• Car seats, high chairs, strollers, cribs, pack-n-plays,
• Children’s books, games and toys
• Nonperishable foods, bottled water, Gatorade
• Toiletries, bug spray, sunscreen, deodorant and other hygiene items
• “Welcome Home” kits for newly housed individuals and/or families: towels, bed sheets, cleaning items, kitchen items, etc.

Volunteer Needs:
• Assist with child care and cooking during parenting classes on Wednesday mornings
• Organize and conduct small group socializations and/or classes: game nights, BBQs, Bible studies, how to prepare nutritious meals on a budget, couponing, etc.
• Teach and help individuals and parents learn how to clean, eliminate hazards and keep a safe home environment
• Assist with homeless outreach and/or provide basic services and needs
• Tutor in adult literacy in reading, writing or English learning (ESL)
Wellspring Alliance for Families

Address: 1043 Courthouse Street
          Jena, LA 71342

Contact Person: Jessica Puckett

Phone Number: (318) 348-3005

Email address: jpuckett@wellspringalliance.org

Website address: www.wellspringalliance.org

Agency Mission:
To strengthen and value the family through direct service, education, advocacy and women’s leadership in Northeast and Central Louisiana.

ADOPT A FAMILY: Families that need “adopted” for the holidays

Yes, Families with children (17 & under)

Holiday Wish List:
Warm clothing: (Women: Pants size 7 to 20, Shirt size S to 2XL), (Children: Infant to teenager)
Under garments children: (small to large), women: (small to large), Pajamas for children, teens, and women (small to 2 XL), slippers/robe, and socks.
Bedding: Sheets and blankets (queen, full, twin).
Bath: Towels, wash cloths, baby wipes, and diapers.
Miscellaneous: Small Suitcases, duffle bags, totes, diaper bags, or purses. Baby bottles, books, DVD’s, gift cards, gas cards, small portable heaters and fans, lamps/light bulbs,
Personal: shampoo and conditioner, body wash, bubble bath, lotion, powder, candles, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, baby body wash, shampoo, and lotion.
Cookware: Pots and pans, crock pots, cookbooks, cooking utensils, can openers, dishes, drinking glasses or cups, measuring cups/spoons, and silverware.
Art supplies: coloring books, crayons, glue, glitter, markers, scissors, scrapbooks, scrapbooking paper and supplies.
YWCA of Alexandria-Pineville

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Agency Mission:
Eliminating Racism. Empowering Women.

ADOPT A FAMILY: Families that need “adopted” for the holidays

Yes, Families with children (17 & under)

Holiday Wish List:
Arts & Crafts supplies, outdoor games equipment, indoor games equipment, movies, school supplies, general office supplies, copy paper, construction paper, crayons, markers, scissors, overhead light projector, & DVD player. Passes for events or movie passes.

Volunteer Needs:
Volunteers to be Buddies, assist with After School Program, & sort clothing for the Working Women’s Wardrobe.