





(601) 355-6276

## Christmas Assistance Program

You MUST arrive ON TIME or you may not be seen.

NO children are allowed during ANY application appointments.

Walk-ins

welcome!



## **General Application Dates**

Wed., Oct. 13 Fri., Oct. 15 Wed., Oct. 20 Wed., Oct. 27 Fri., Oct. 29 Wed., Nov. 3 Fri., Nov. 5 Wed., Nov. 10 Fri., Nov. 12

Times:

10 AM & 1 PM After Hours Appointments\*

Wed., Oct. 20 & Wed., Oct. 27

Call for appt!

If you can come on our regular dates, please do so before taking one of these slots.

\*If you come on these dates and are NOT working, you will be asked to come back on a general application date.

**Note:** After-hours time slots are available by **appointment only**. Please call ahead. Thanks.

## What To Bring:

- 1. Identification for ALL adults\*\* in your household.
- 2. <u>Social Security cards & Birth Certificates for all children.</u> (You must have official custody. Custody papers may be required.)
- 3. <u>Proof of ALL household income\* for September, October, & November.</u> (Including all check stubs, social security, retirement, TANF, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, child support, food stamps, utility checks, cash from family/friends, student loan income, etc.)
- 4. Proof of ALL expenses for the same months. (paid & unpaid bills- for Sept., Oct., & Nov. including receipts for rent/mortgage, utilities (light/gas/water), phone, cell phone, child care, furniture/appliance or car notes, rent-to-own bills, insurance (car/life/burial), repair work, loans (payday/title), credit cards, etc. If you do not pay rent, you must provide documentation of such. (ex. HUD printout)
- 5. Wish List for Children\*\*\* 10 items or more, providing a wide range of gift items & clothing sizes. (5 gifts must be less than \$50.)
- 6. <u>If you have a bank account</u> please bring your bank statements that cover the complete months of Sept., Oct., & Nov.
- 7. Please also bring proof of custody for each of your children.

\*\*At Good Sam, we take into account income for all household members (i.e. grandparents, significant others, relatives, etc.) - no matter how temporary the situation. If someone else pays your bill(s), we will need a statement from them.

\*\*\*For all families approved for assistance, Good Sam will provide \$75-\$100 worth of gifts (as a minimum) and a holiday food basket for the entire family. We cannot guarantee any more than this.

## Please Read the Following Information Carefully. It contains important information about Good Samaritan Center's Christmas Assistance Program.

This is a reminder that this Christmas program is an assistance program of The Good Samaritan Center. It is NOT a "free toy giveaway." This means that families applying for assistance must show a verifiable need for help. <u>Good Samaritan also requires that ALL parents show that they are either disabled, working, in school or in a training program.</u> This means parents must have and be working on a plan for improving their family situation.

If you have come to Good Samaritan without all required documentation or a plan for improving your family situation, you will NOT be able to put in an application.

If you receive assistance from family members, significant others, friends, etc., you must provide written documentation from that person (statement including person's name, address, and contact#). This information must have been previously turned in to the Department of Human Services. We will verify and check all information in each application.

Don't forget to bring a wish list for each child that includes clothing and shoe sizes. Since Good Samaritan will (as a minimum) provide \$75 worth of gifts per child we will need a wish list that is extensive and inclusive of many types of gifts (gifts of varying value). In general, we need to know the types of things your child likes. We cannot guarantee any type of gifts or that your child will be adopted.

Please be clear that we will verify ALL information given to us by every client. Any deception or any failure to tell the entire truth of a household situation will result in your Christmas application being DENIED. If you, the child, or the children you are applying for are found on ANY other organization's list for Christmas Gifts or Christmas Food Baskets your Christmas Application WILL BE DENIED AND YOU WILL BE BANNED FROM FUTURE CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE AT THE GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER. That said, please be honest about your household makeup and financial situation. It is the only way that Good Samaritan can help your family.

A thank you note is a very gracious way to show your appreciation for the assistance you might receive. If you are unsure of who to make your note out to you can send it to the "Staff and Friends of Good Sam."

Thank you for your cooperation and we hope to bring your family a Merry Christmas!

Kathy Clem
Executive Director