ADOPT A FAMILY

Community Christmas & RiverTree Benevolence Team
Goal – 50 Families

Begins November 9/10 Return Gifts by December 1

Families in financial distress in our church and throughout our community will be able to enjoy Christmas. This is a great opportunity for RiverTree partners, families and GoCommunities to adopt a family who may otherwise not have any Christmas at all!

Ways to Be Involved

· Adopt A Family for Christmas

Stop by the Adopt A Family table. You will be provided with an anonymous description (ages, gender, clothes sizes and any special needs) of a qualifying family who needs your help. The requested gift expenditure is \$25 per person and Christmas dinner. You can choose from among families of different sizes and situations and then shop to make their Christmas a special one.

You can also leave a message on the Benevolence Team voicemail 330.494.1860, ext 217 and we will contact you to provide you with just the right family to adopt.

Donate Toys (new or gently used)

Drop off toys at the Adopt A Family table. These will be used for the children who do not get adopted.

To volunteer or for more information, email Kelly Stein at *steinkelly33@gmail.com*

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR OTHER PARTNERS...

FOOD PANTRY AT RIVERTREE

Donate non-perishable food items at the Welcome Center, or give via check to RiverTree, memo line **Food Pantry**.

Interested in serving?

Contact: scheetzs@rivertreechristian.com

PREGNANCY CHOICES

pregnancychoicesforme.com

REFUGE OF HOPE

refugeofhope.org

TIQVAH

tiqvah.org





THANKSGIVING MEALS

Stark County Area Churches / Goal – 1,600 meals

Begins October 19/20 Ends November 28

For the past 25 years, RiverTree has partnered with several local churches to serve together and make an impact in Stark County by providing Thanksgiving meals to those in need. It has grown to include seven churches serving over 10,000 + meals in 2018.

Ways to Be involved

- · Donate food at RiverTree Jackson
 - Cooked Turkeys + Turkey Breasts
 - Pies
 - Cookies

Drop off donated food: Tuesday, November 26 from 7AM-6PM and Wednesday, November 27 by 10AM.

Prepare and pack food

RiverTree Jackson on Wednesday, November 27. 10AM-12PM.

Drive to deliver the meals

Deliver on Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day. 10AM-1PM.

Donate money to buy food for Holiday meals
 Make check out to RiverTree with Holiday Meals on memo line. Drop in offering bag.

For additional information email:

thanksgiving@rivertreechristian.com or call 330.494.1860 ext. 204.

HOW CAN YOUR FAMILY MAKE AN IMPACT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Samaritan's Purse / Goal - 850 Boxes

Begins October 26/27 Return filled shoeboxes by November 17

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes and the Good News of God's love.

This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift.

Ways to Be Involved

- Purchase (or provide your own) shoebox gift Fill the shoebox with recommended items.
- Contribute financially for shipping costs
- Help pack shoeboxes for shipping Details at table – RiverTree Jackson.
- · Host a Shoebox Missional Party

Visit the OCC table for additional information, questions or to drop off your donations or...

- Visit samaritanspurse.ora
- Email occ@rivertreechristian.com

PROJECT KARE

Stark County Children Services / Goal – 550 stockings

Begins November 23/24 Return filled stockings by December 8

Project KARE's annual Christmas project is coordinated by the staff of Stark County Department of Job & Family Services. The mission is to provide gifts and clothing to children who otherwise might not receive anything at Christmas. Donors are provided gender, age range of child and a list of gift ideas.

Those who are too busy to shop for a gift but still wish to help can make cash donations. These donations are needed for gift certificates for teenagers, emergency gifts, and for those children who were not otherwise adopted for Christmas.

Ways to Be Involved

· Pack a Christmas stocking

To pick up a stocking and more information about the children's ages go to the Project KARE table. Filled stockings due by December 8.

Make a cash donation to fill a stocking
 Any amount is acceptable. Turn in at the Project
 KARE table.

To sign up to help or for more information, email *projectkare@rivertreechristian.com*

CHRISTMAS COAT DRIVE

Community Christmas / Goal-250 coats

Begins October 19/20 Collection ends December 8

There are many Stark County residents in need of warm winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves this year. Please help by dropping off new or gently used winter weight coats/jackets/winter accessories. Boxes set up in the Main Hall through December 8.