## **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### "Many Hands Make Light Work"

Join us by volunteering! It is a great way to meet new people and have some fun. While most of the work to prepare for the event starts in September, many of our members on the Project Christmas Planning Committee volunteer year around, especially those who provide children's gifts.

Those interested in volunteering during setup (Thursday and Friday prior to the event) and the day of the event, can call 231-779-5205 or click on the "volunteer" button on our website to see how you can help.



# **Supporting Organizations**

While individual volunteers are important to carry out our mission, organizations such as business, clubs, and churches, can provide special support to an area with focused sponsorship of that area. Specific gift drives, wish trees, and monetary donations can support the chair of our gift giving areas. There are also behind the scenes work that requires special talents such as publicity, logistics and scheduling.

If your organization would like to provide special support, please contact us to see what is available.

#### **Project Christmas Board**

Chairperson: <vacant>
Co-Chairperson: Ken Lizotte
Treasurer: Julie Harmon
Secretary: Carol Corwin

Member at Large: Marie Johnson Member at Large: Laurie Erickson Member at Large: Lt. Elizabeth Bock

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MDHHS: Nicole Bosscher

Friends Ministry: Rose LaRoche
The Salvation Army: Lt. Gregory Bock

Toys for Tots: Lt. Elizabeth Bock

Along with the board members, our Project Christmas Planning Committee members work together to coordinate the event which takes place each December. Each position, whether board member or planning committee member, is strictly a volunteer position. We appreciate each and every person who gives of their time and talents to help our community.



#### **Contact Information**

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#### Established in 1989

Our mission is to share the spirit of Christmas and community caring with those in need through a collaborative community wide effort.

The Project Christmas Event is held every year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December at The Wex in Cadillac.

# How we began.....

Early in 1989, five women met over a cup of coffee to brainstorm ideas on how they could find a way to provide Christmas for the low income and disadvantaged families of our community who would not otherwise have Christmas.

The specific purpose was to identify families receiving assistance with the Department of Health and Human Services. It was very important that names were shared with other social service agencies that offered Christmas programs in order to not duplicate efforts.

As the news unfolded, the community was made aware of the collaborative work. If everyone would join in on this endeavor, then the Cadillac retailers and churches could contribute to one project instead of having many different groups asking for donations at this busy time of year.

Project Christmas is held the 2nd Saturday of December each year. With *many* businesses, factories, clubs, schools, and churches involved, it's an inspiring time for the recipients and the hundreds of volunteers alike.



#### **We Make Christmas Possible**

Project Christmas provides for those in our community that cannot afford a Christmas of their own. Each family receives:



Pajamas
Gift Wrap
New Books
Hats & Mittens
Stuffed Animals
A Household Gift
Socks & Underwear
Personal Care Products
Paper & Cleaning Products
A Gift for Each Child 18 and Under
A Bag of Food to Feed Each Family Size

Another way to support the event is by purchasing any of the items listed above and leave it unwrapped in a drop box (located in over 150 businesses and churches for 6 weeks before the event) or drop it off at The Wex. The Event is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of December each year.

### **Project Christmas**

Serving over 800 families each year



Monetary gifts are greatly appreciated. Our board and committee members work very hard at being fiscally responsible. Each area has its own budget. Budgets have become very stretched due to the recent state of the economy. Purchasing locally has become difficult due to lack of supply.

Monetary contributions can be made by mail to the address posted on the back side of this brochure or donate on our Facebook page or website.

We accept monetary gift in honor or memory of someone. If desired, a certificate will be mailed to your recipient stating that you gave in their honor.

Project Christmas is not funded by any government agency. We appreciate the financial support of our community. Project Christmas is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that relies on charitable contributions to sustain its ministry. Your gifts are tax deductible.

Thank you for sharing from the resources you have been given!