

## Attention Generous Community Members!

**Did you know?** Across North Carolina, approximately 12% of children (around 100,000) are raised by grandparents and other relatives. Becoming a parent again unexpectedly is both financially and emotionally challenging.

**Why do children live with relatives?** Many times their parents are deceased, battling addictions, or living with mental health concerns that prohibit them from providing for the basic needs of their children.



**Make a difference this holiday season by sharing your holiday cheer with children who are living with relatives!**

**How can you help?** Families are requesting assistance with basics like clothing, shoes, and bedding items, as well as with other items that every child deserves. We ask sponsors to use the families' "wish list" as a guide, purchasing and wrapping items for family members.

**How do I get started?** Contact Susan Parker at 336-703-3744 ([parkerse@forsyth.cc](mailto:parkerse@forsyth.cc)) to coordinate your holiday service project. Please see the reverse side of this flyer for more information on the process.

**Holiday assistance donations will be accepted through December 10.**

## Sponsorship Process for 2015 RAPP Holiday Assistance Project

1. Notify Susan Parker ([parkerse@forsyth.cc](mailto:parkerse@forsyth.cc) or 703-3744) to let her know how many people you can assist, e.g. a family of 4, a total of 10 people, etc.
2. You will be matched with a family based on the numbers you provided.
3. We will provide you with the family's "wish list" by mid-October. You are not obligated to get everything on the list. These lists are a guide. Also, families were specifically instructed not to ask for items costing more than \$50, e.g. computers, electronic tablets, gaming consoles, etc., so we would ask that you not include items retailing for more than \$50.
4. For our record-keeping purposes, we need for sponsors to complete a list detailing what they purchase for the family. This form will be provided when you are given the wish lists(s). Please do not wrap the packages; just label them so the families can tell which person is to receive a particular gift. It is fine to provide wrapping paper/bags as part of the gifts to the family. We cannot accept used items.
5. Contact Susan to arrange a time to deliver the items to DSS. Items must be delivered by Thursday, December 10, at noon. We have limited storage capacity, and we ask families to pick up items the same day you deliver them. We could begin accepting items as early as the week of December 1<sup>st</sup>, but again, please call in advance to schedule a time for your delivery.
6. For reasons of privacy, please do not include with the gifts any requests for pictures from the family. Just know that you will have brightened the lives of many children through your generosity.