

Organizations that may possibly provide “holiday help” for families (food, clothing, and presents for children)

Your Local EAP coordinator – In addition to contacting the following organizations on this list, you may also want to contact your local EAP coordinator as he/she may know of additional local resources. You can access the listing of current EAP coordinators on either 1) Captiva: Executive Operations>Human Resources>Employee Menu> Employee Support >Overall Directories>Local EAP and CID Coordinators or 2) www.dcor.state.ga.us and then For Corrections Staff>Employee Support>Overall Directories> Local EAP and CID Coordinators.

Department of Family and Children’s Services (DFACS) - to locate office visit (1 - go to www.dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov ; 2 – go to left side of page and select “county offices”; 3 – go to left side and scroll down and select “complete list of county offices”; and 4 – select your county of residence)

Salvation Army – contact your local Salvation Army Center to see if they have a program in your area - You can find it by either visiting your telephone book or visiting their website at www.salvationarmyusa.org ; go down the left hand column to “find a center” and input your zip code.

Local churches and synagogues – Many churches and synagogues will assist families that are having some financial issues. You may want to contact churches and synagogues near your home or office.

Local shelters – Contact local shelters in your area

Community Action Agency

Also, contact your local Community Action Agency [refer to listing on Captiva (Executive Operations, Human Resources, Employee Menu, Employee Support, Georgia Community Action Association Listing) or GDC Public website (www.dcor.state.ga.us and then go to left hand side and select “For Corrections Staff”, Employee Support Services, Georgia Community Action Association Listing)].

United Way - There are many different organizations across the state that work with low-income families in need. Probably the best way for your employees to find out about the ones in your area is to call United Way at 211 (Just dial 2-1-1). By dialing 2-1-1 in your area, you will access a helpline where those that are seeking resources can get referrals in their area.

Exchange Club - <http://www.nationalexchangeclub.org/contact.htm>

There may be some individual Exchange clubs that provide meals to families during the holidays - you could contact your local clubs to see if any of them provide this service.

Optimist Club – www.optimist.org - Optimist Clubs are dedicated to "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" and do their part through community service programs. Since each Club is autonomous and run by members in their community, Optimists have the unique flexibility to serve the youth of their area in any way they see fit. To find a local chapter - <http://www.optimist.org/CityDirectory.cfm>

Local Masonic Lodges - *Masonic lodges often help needy families throughout the year as well as the holidays. Families in need should contact the lodge in their area. You could also contact the lodge to "nominate" them. You can search for the lodge(s) in your area here: www.glofqa.org*

Eastern Star Organization – The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong. Worldwide, there are approximately 1 million members. Eastern Star is a social order comprised of persons with spiritual values but it is not a religion. Its appeal rests in the true beauty of the refreshing and character-building lessons that are so sincerely portrayed in its ritualistic work.

To find a local chapter - <http://www.georgiao.es.org/locate/frame.html>

Toys for Tots - http://www.toysfortots.org/request_toys/default.asp

Request a Toy>To Find a Local Toys for Tots Campaign Office:

- Select State>Find closest Local Campaign Coordinator>Click on the Website link for the Campaign>Go to the Request Toys page of the website for information on requesting toys from the local campaign.

Local Radio Stations – often help out needy families over the holiday season