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## SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES!

If you would like to volunteer with this program please call the Adopt-A-Family program coordinator, Lydia Gamboa, at (213) 637-7501!

Once again the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels **Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program** is looking for a few Angels. We are seeking volunteer angels to help us this year with the 500 families we plan on adopting for our program benefiting the families living in the downtown and Skid Row area of Los Angeles.

For 27 years the Adopt-A-Family Program has made it possible for struggling families with children to have a magical Christmas. But before the magic can take place on DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>, there are many tasks that need to be accomplished. Consequently, we are seeking Angels to assist with the many volunteer opportunities available. This is a great way for your child or group to complete their Christian Service Hours.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ALONG WITH DELIVERY DAY TAKE PLACE AT THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS 555 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012.**

Listed below are a few ways that you, family members, co-workers and friends can help.

- 1. SORTING and PACKAGING OF FOOD BOXES** Over 25 of our Catholic Schools hold food collections for our program. We, in turn, put together food boxes for our families. PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR DATE AND TIME. We will meet on the following dates and times:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9	9:00 am – 12:00 pm Special Food Packing
- 2. GIFT WRAPPING** The week prior to our delivery date, we need help to wrap presents and complete our gift boxes. The schedule is as follows:

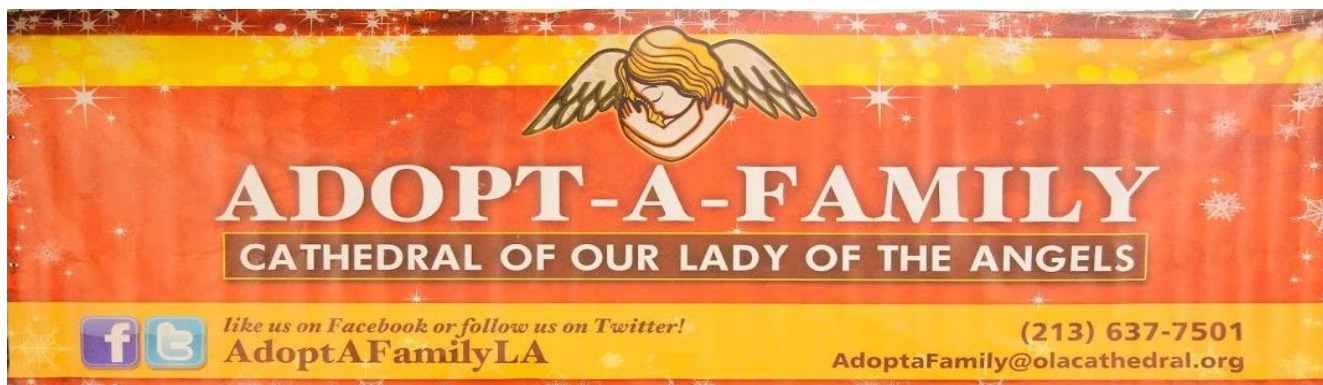
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- 3. VARIOUS TASKS AND STAGING FOR DELIVERY DAY** –On *MONDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>* – *THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>* our wonderful donors are dropping off gifts for our families and volunteers are needed

to help unload the many cars and trucks that come to the Cathedral. On **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>** we have to make sure that the gift boxes are ready for Delivery Day as volunteers will meet to pick up the gift boxes in the parking structure of the Cathedral the next morning. The staging takes many hands to make sure all the families have their boxes ready for delivery. We start the staging at 2:00 pm and setup in the parking structure (on level P-2) – and we usually are finished around 8:00 pm. The more hands in staging – the earlier we finish! So if you have time, please come out and help get the gift boxes ready for the next morning early delivery. If you have a group of volunteers that would like to volunteer on the staging, please give our office a call to arrange. The dates and times for unloading cars, last minute gift wrapping and staging are as follows.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14	9:00 am – 8:00 pm – Note late night
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15	9:00 am – 9:00 pm – Note late night

5. **DELIVERY DAY – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>** Gift boxes, filled with Christmas Magic, are delivered to the families. We meet at the Cathedral and begin with a very short prayer service led by Archbishop Gomez. We then load up our trucks and large cars to make the deliveries. We are in special need of volunteers with trucks or very large cars. If this is something you would like to do, please come join us at the Cathedral on DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am. We start early and finish up before 11:00 am.

On behalf of the over 500 families that we serve – thank you for your support and prayers in keeping our program moving forward for the past 27 years.



*Belles – this a great way to live out the charism of serving the dear neighbor! If you want to volunteer a parent/guardian over 18 needs to accompany you. Call this program to sign-up with your parent/guardian ASAP!*