

MIDDLE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS STORE

Wednesday, December 4 – Thursday, December 5, 2024

The Christmas Store is designed to help parents provide gifts for their children on Christmas Day who otherwise could not afford to do so. Our planning team works with the Chesterfield School Social Worker office to reach the families that need help.

Each church participating will let us know how many CHILDREN you would like to sponsor then you will be assigned the number of <u>children</u> requested. Each child corresponds with a **family number** which will be given to the church to place on the gifts, <u>and</u> the bag delivered in. This is necessary to help us match up the family with the appropriate gifts. <u>All gifts will need to be delivered to Ironbridge Church</u>, the host of the Christmas Store on either December 2^{nd} or December 3^{rd} , between 9 am - 2 pm to the west wing youth space, closest to Aldi. Look for signs for directions. We are planning to once again collect the free items such as clothing, household items, etc.!

Each family receiving gifts will pay \$3.00 per child (one toy & one outfit per child) however, if the family cannot afford to pay, the parents will still receive their child's gifts. This money offers them an opportunity to feel **they contributed** to the gifts and helps **offset some of the expenses** that occur with setting up the Christmas Store. Each year, the families <u>will receive a Bible</u> provided by the Middle District and an opportunity for prayer.



Let us know your preferences on how many <u>children</u> your church/group would like to provide for, as well as contact information for the person who will head up this ministry. Volunteers are also needed to set up free donations, help the family's "shop" and to help carry heavy gifts to the family's car.

Please contact the Middle District office either by phone/text (276-8481) or emailing your response to Brenda Green, <u>brenda@mdba.org</u> and let us know if you have any questions. Thanks for your cooperation, and we look forward to a **successful** 2024 Christmas Store (with your help, of course!).

Sincerely,

The 2024 Christmas Store Planning Team

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