

MIDDLE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS STORE

Wednesday, November 29 – Thursday, November 30, 2023

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, and the bag delivered in. This is necessary to help us match up the family with the appropriate gifts. All gifts will need to be delivered to Ironbridge Church, the host of the Christmas Store on either November 27 or 28, between 9 am – 2 pm to the west wing, "Z Street" 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 will receive a Bible provided by Middle District, as well as 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 that will head up this ministry. **Volunteers are also needed** this year to set up all the donations as well as a few strong volunteers to help carry 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, brenda@mdba.org and let us know if you have any questions. Thanks for your cooperation, and we look forward to a successful 2023 Christmas Store (with your help, of course!).

Sincerely,

The 2023 Christmas Store Planning Team

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