



# Make a Merry MEND Christmas



## The MEND 2009 Christmas Program

Links you, your family, your business, or organization with needy families during the season of giving. Become a MEND Elf and participate in the full adoption program and/ or choose one or more of these holiday volunteer opportunities.

*First opportunity*

is our

**Santa's Super Saturday  
Home Visits Team!**

*Now is the time to sign up for  
two Saturday times,*

**November 7st & 14th  
from  
8:30am - 3:00pm.**

*We start with a brief training session,  
then you are off to visit applicant  
families who live in the northeast  
San Fernando Valley. You'll assess  
their needs and determine eligibility  
for the Christmas Adoption program.*

**Then**

*following those visits our Christmas  
Program gets started. We invite you  
to participate in as many of the  
listed activities as you are able.*

- 1. Donate Food.** MEND suggest donations of rice, oatmeal, baby foods, cake and frosting mixes, frozen turkeys, pork roasts & precooked ham (no canned ham), flour, canned vegetables, canned soup, pinto beans, jelly, peanut butter, sugar, and coffee.
- 2. Donate Toys.** NEW and UNWRAPPED toys, especially for boys and girls 8-14. For young children: toy cars, trucks, dolls, balls, blocks and infant toys. Older children/teens: sports equipment, cd players w/ cd's, small radios, games, watches, purses and make up kits. **Please no toys of violence!**
- 3.** Become a **Volunteer Driver.** SUV's, vans or trucks are needed to pick up donations.
- 4. Join the Basket Packers and "Gift Givers".** Now is a good time to reserve a time between December 4th thru 20th to sort and distribute toys and pack Christmas Baskets. The sooner you sign up, the better! Call (818)896.0246 for more information.
- 5. How about Adopting a Family for Christmas!** You and your group find out who your family is, how many are in it, and what it is made up of. MEND requests that you buy each family member, including the parents, a sweatshirt or sweater. For the children, one new item of new clothing and one or two new toys. Buy a small gift or household item for the parents, such as a space heater, dishes or blankets. Your gift basket should also include enough food for at least one complete Christmas Meal for the entire family. Then as MEND Elves arrange to deliver the gifts and the food to the family.
- 6. Your computer skills** would be of great benefit. We need to do data entry for information on basket recipient.
- 7. Last but not least!** How about sharing **your Bonus!** Monetary gifts to MEND are always appreciated.



With this coupon, that I am returning through the mail, I am ready to volunteer to be a MEND Santa's Elf! I also recognize that calling, or faxing will speed up my commitment. (818)896-0246, (818)897-0128 fax

**Sign me up!**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Santa's Super Saturday Home Visit Team        | <input type="checkbox"/> Basket Packer and "Gift Giver" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donate food: Delivery date _____              | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt a Family                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donate toys: Delivery date _____              | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer data entry            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Driver: I have an SUV/van or truck. | <input type="checkbox"/> Donate money                   |

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (night) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Days and times available \_\_\_\_\_

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