

Ornament Drives

Ornament Drives are a great way to involve a group such as office co-workers, churches, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Contact Mary at Our Little Haven (314) 533-2229, x226 or mary@ourlittlehaven.org and she will provide a list of gift or gifts for each child you would like to collect for. Print an ornament on paper from the web, or draw and cut out your own. Print the child's name and their gift they would like to receive on the ornament. Display on a conference room wall, on a window, or hang on a tree. Each participant takes an ornament(s) or the gift(s) they would like to purchase.



Here is a sample e-mail you can use to “run” your program:

Greetings! This year, *(fill in your group here)* has chosen to adopt the children at Our Little Haven for the Holidays. Here is just a brief description about one of the many programs Our Little Haven offers:

Children placed at Our Little Haven have been removed from parental custody due to early childhood trauma including abuse, neglect or abandonment. Residential treatment provides 24-hour care with intensive early intervention services for children ages birth through nine years of age. Early intervention includes nursing care, individual and group mental health services, speech, occupational, physical and developmental therapies.

The tender loving care of the 24-7 around-the-clock Houseparent Caregivers provides stability and nurturance to help children thrive. Early, intensive therapeutic treatment makes all the difference. Children leave Our Little Haven stabilized and prepared for successful transition to their permanent placement (return to the biological family, a relative placement or an adoptive home) following an average 3-6 months of treatment.

It's the children of the Residential Program that we are adopting. Our Little Haven currently has 20 children in the Residential Program ranging from 4 months old to 9 years old.

We have made ornaments for each child listing a gift they would like to receive. These ornaments can be found decoratively displayed on the windows of the Executive Conference Room.

Here's how it works. Take an ornament(s) of the gift(s) you would like to purchase. Please remember, for the bigger items, think about going in with someone. Once purchased, bring the items into the office (with the ornament attached) and give to *(fill in coordinator name here)* by *(fill in date here)*. Our Little Haven asks that the gifts not be wrapped prior to delivery, since they have to inspect each gift before it is given to the children.

If you prefer to not purchase an individual gift for a child or would like to give just a little extra, please take one of the “Every Day Items” Wish Lists. *(Note: these can be downloaded from the Wishlist page on our website).*

Please help us make these special kids' Christmas (or holiday) one of the best.

If you have any question,s please contact *(name)*.

P.S. For more information about Our Little Haven, you can visit their website and even take a Virtual Tour at www.ourlittlehaven.org.-----*With thanks to the organization who hosted their drive last year.*