



Eveline Rivers Christmas Project

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Four
Generations
Of
Volunteers
Coming
Together
At
Eveline
Rivers
Christmas
Project



Sharing the warmth of the
coatroom

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WE HELP THOSE WHO CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES.....CHILDREN

.....I looked down at the "caller ID", and recognized the phone number of a family that I have helped, on and off, over the past years. When I answered the call, the familiar voice of the mom was full of sadness, frustration, and she was just plain tired, all wrapped into one. She is the Mom of 7 school age children and is also caring for a 3 month old granddaughter. Her husband has been gone for 2 weeks looking for work, possibly to work in the fields, picking hot chillies. Her phone call was to ask for my opinion..... "I have \$400 to my name. On the shelf, I have 2 cans of carrots for food. I do not get food stamps, my water was turned off 3 days ago, the electric bill is past due, I have no gas in the car in order to get the children to school AND THE RENT IS DUE IN 3 DAYS AND RENT IS \$400. The question----do I buy food for the children so that they can eat OR do I pay the rent so that we all have a roof over our head for another month?"

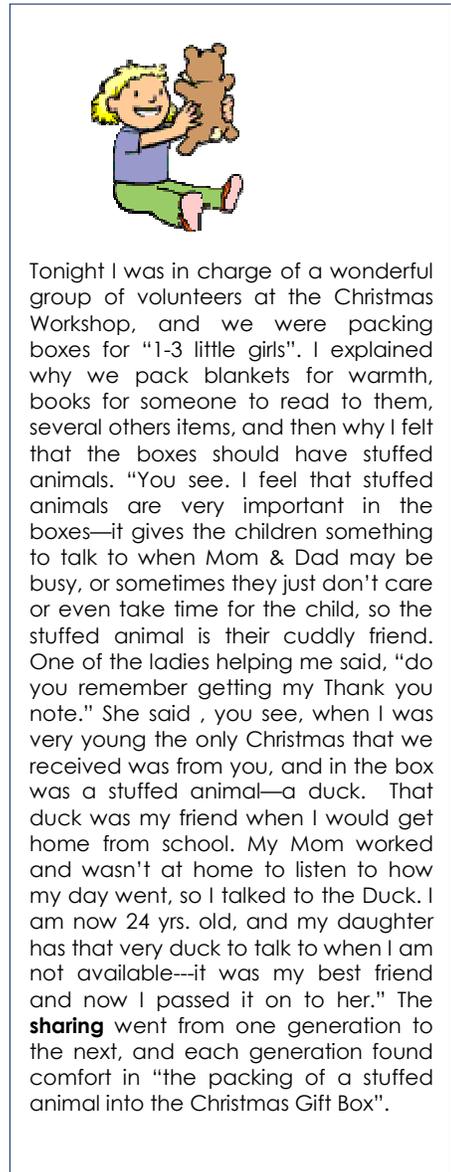
Now think about this scenario. How do you give an answer that is truly the RIGHT answer? Then the next question was, "Can I please borrow your sewing machine? My children's jeans are so "high waters" that I want to cut them off so that the children

are not so embarrassed. I asked the mom as to what sizes that the children wore, and she said that it had been so long since she had obtained clothes for the children that she could not tell me. I did find out that one of the little girls had on a size 7 slim jean and we fitted her into a 12 reg. jean, and one of the boys was wearing a 12 reg. boys jean and we fitted him in a 29/30 men's jean.

In the above paragraph I see children who are hungry, who have no way to be clean, who have a need for winter clothes, and the two youngest children (without gas in the car) have to be walked an incredibly long way to school. **We hear these sad scenarios during the holidays, although these issues are year around.** These children are in school..... they are becoming educated, and hopefully will work hard in order to break the generational cycle of poverty. With people like you helping us, children's problems can be solved.

Sharing Christmas with this family and other families like this one, and also making sure that the children have warm winter coats...these are all objectives of Eveline Rivers Christmas Project.

Gentle Blessings, Eveline



Tonight I was in charge of a wonderful group of volunteers at the Christmas Workshop, and we were packing boxes for "1-3 little girls". I explained why we pack blankets for warmth, books for someone to read to them, several others items, and then why I felt that the boxes should have stuffed animals. "You see. I feel that stuffed animals are very important in the boxes—it gives the children something to talk to when Mom & Dad may be busy, or sometimes they just don't care or even take time for the child, so the stuffed animal is their cuddly friend. One of the ladies helping me said, "do you remember getting my Thank you note." She said , you see, when I was very young the only Christmas that we received was from you, and in the box was a stuffed animal—a duck. That duck was my friend when I would get home from school. My Mom worked and wasn't at home to listen to how my day went, so I talked to the Duck. I am now 24 yrs. old, and my daughter has that very duck to talk to when I am not available--it was my best friend and now I passed it on to her." The **sharing** went from one generation to the next, and each generation found comfort in "the packing of a stuffed animal into the Christmas Gift Box".

Needs List

New/Gently Used

Stuffed Animals 18-24 inches

New/Gently Used Coats

Reading Books K-12

School Supplies-

Notebook paper, spiral notebooks

Cleanliness Items-

Shampoo, Soap,

Toothpaste, Deodorant & Toothbrushes

Other Needs

Monetary means in order to purchase specific items of clothing for children who are in school & need "self esteem builders" in order to keep moving forward

Workshop Schedule for the Holiday

Nov. 13th – Dec. 13th

Mon., Tues., & Thurs. 6:30PM-8PM

Saturdays 9:30AM – 11:30AM

We will be CLOSED the entire week of

Thanksgiving

November 16th -25th

Delivery Day

December 15th

It doesn't matter if you have a bicycle or a truck hauling a horse trailer, please come and enjoy the gift of sharing, by helping to deliver the gifts we have wrapped, to over 9500 excited children in our area. Avoid the registration line this year by calling 372-3985 to pre register for Delivery Day.

9th Annual "Rockin'" Santa in the Summer

Santa in the Summer this year was incredible, as it has been in the past. This Fund raiser is a tremendous amount of work taken on by many people. Co-chairmanship was untaken by **Holly Campidilli and Wyndella Kelly**. The event was enhanced by an outstanding silent auction and a "Christmas Corner", Wonderful Music provided by "**Insufficient Funds**" & **Kevin Clowe**, a fabulous dinner prepared by the "**Coors Cowboy Club Cooking Team**". A great Live Auction and a fun time was provided in the Casino area by the **St. Thomas Men's Club**. This event is one of the backbones of our fund raising efforts...the proceeds from this are definitely used to**MAKE A CHILD SMILE**. Thank you to the many people who worked tirelessly in order to make this a success, and also to the many people who came to enjoy the event. Mark your calendar now—**Santa In the Summer 2013** will be held **Saturday August 24th**.



Holly Campidilli & Wyndella Kelly



Adopt a family

If you enjoy spreading Holiday Cheer by "adopting" a family for the season, then I am sure that we have a family that you could **warm their hearts** for the holidays, and in helping them you will also **warm your own heart**. Possibly, you, family and friends would like to go together and sponsor a family for Christmas, or even your business or all of the employees in your business would enjoy putting a smile on a family of faces for the holidays. Call the "Workshop" at 372-3985 for more details on a family in need.

XCEL ENERGY

Our community is extremely supportive of Eveline Rivers Christmas Project and we would like to express "our Thank You" to one of the many companies that strongly support us. **XCEL ENERGY** Company and its employees have gone out of their way to donate to us..... school supplies, and an extremely large amount of toys. The employees give of their time, energy and matching funds in order to "MAKE A CHILD SMILE". **XCEL ENERGY** is a representative of all of the companies that we feel are **GUARDIAN ANGELS** to Eveline Rivers Christmas Project.

KVII Tall Tower Open Golf Tournament Presented By Happy State Bank

It was the hard work & merriment of the volunteers from **Happy State Bank & KVII** that helped to get the golfers on their way to a wonderful golf tournament. By Sunday night as the sunset and the golf carts were put back into place the **Eveline Rivers Christmas Project** had benefitted greatly by the efforts of this tournament. A huge thank you goes to everyone at **Happy State Bank, KVII TV** and **Sherwin Cox** and his staff at **Ross Rogers Golf Course** that came together in order to **Make a Child Smile**.

Thank you for supporting Eveline Rivers Christmas Project

___\$500 ___\$250 ___\$100 ___\$50 \$_____ Other

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