

ATTENTION GENEROUS COMMUNITY MEMBERS . . .

Share your holiday cheer with children living with relatives!

Did you know? Across North Carolina, approximately 10% of children are raised by grandparents and other relatives. Unexpectedly parenting is financially & emotionally challenging.



**Make a difference this holiday season,
share your cheer with families in our
community!**

How can you help? Families request assistance with necessary basics (Clothing, shoes, coats, bedding items), as well as other common items that every child deserves.

Contributions can either be in the form of gift cards so families can purchase items for their children or you can purchase family items from a list they submit.

Who are some relative caregivers in our community?

- Ms. A, age 73, raises her 13 year old grandson.
- Ms. L. age 34 raises her siblings ages 8 and 10
- Mr. and Mrs. H, ages 87 and 84 are raising their 11 year-old grandson
- Mr. and Ms Z, family of 9, are raising 3 children and 4 grandchildren

Why do children live with relatives? Many times their parents are incarcerated, deceased, battle addictions or have mental health concerns that prohibit them from providing the basic needs for their children.



How do I get family lists or get started? Contact **Teresa Bryant** at 703-3744 or bryanttc@forsyth.cc to coordinate your holiday service project. Please see the back side of this flyer for the sponsorship process.

**Holiday assistance donations must be received by Social Services by
Wednesday, December 16th at 5:00pm.**



**This holiday assistance project is proudly sponsored by
Social Services' Relatives as Parents Program, "RAPP" groups.
Always remember, "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child"!**

RAPP Sponsorship Process:

Step one: You notify Teresa Bryant of your desire to sponsor a family. Ms. Bryant will need to know how many people or the size of a family you wish to sponsor.

Step two: Ms. Bryant will match you with a family based on the number of people or size of a family you wish to sponsor.

Step three: Purchase items you wish to give.

- Families and the agency are appreciative of any items you are able to purchase from the lists. These lists are a guide; no one expects all items to be purchased.
- **We ask that all caregiver gifts be wrapped.**
Please check the family's list to see if they wish for the children's items to be wrapped. (some families like the joy of wrapping the items themselves for the children they are raising)

Step four: Delivery of your items.

- Contact Teresa Bryant to schedule a time to drop off your items. This allows us to ensure we have staff ready to assist with loading and unloading of your donations.

Step five: Items are distributed to families by Friday, 12/18/2009 at 5:00pm.

Step six: You and your group will receive an expression of our appreciation that will include the total numbers served from our project in our community.

Please help us assure your project information is accurate by sharing information with us initially. We strive for excellence!

