The Salvation Army Angel Tree Program

What is The Salvation Army Angel Tree Program?

Since 1889, The Salvation Army has provided Christmas assistance to disadvantaged families and individuals in the greater Houston area. Through the Angel Tree program, donors can become personally involved in assisting a specific child or senior during the holiday season.

Once a child or senior has been registered as an “Angel,” The Salvation Army makes a promise to provide Christmas for that individual. The promise includes a variety of gifts for each child or senior. In order to accomplish this, The Salvation Army depends on the generosity of individual donors, corporations and organizations. Last year, 164 companies and organizations helped fulfill the gift requests of over 11,000 Angels. The remaining Angels were adopted from our Mall Angel Trees and also filled by volunteers at our Santa’s Secret Warehouse.

In 2013, more than 25,000 children and seniors in Harris, Montgomery and Fort Bend counties received gifts through the Angel Tree program.

How does someone become a Salvation Army “Angel”?

Families in need can sign up for assistance at one of seven Salvation Army registration locations. They must meet the federal minimum poverty guidelines to qualify. We serve children ranging in age from infants to 12 years old and seniors that are 62 and older. The Salvation Army maintains the confidentiality of all program recipients.

How does it work?

Once Angels have been registered, Angel “tags” or ornaments are printed with that Angel’s name, age, gender, gift requests and a code number. Companies and organizations can participate in our Corporate Angel Tree program and adopt Angels to hang on a tree at their workplace, school or church. You can also visit one of six Houston area shopping malls and adopt a child or senior from one of our Mall Angel Trees. After the Angel’s gifts have been purchased, they are returned to The Salvation Army where they are sorted by their unique code numbers and distributed to the families.

How do I sign up to host an Angel Tree?

If you would like to host an Angel Tree at your workplace, school or church, simply fill out a Corporate Angel Tree registration form and turn it in by Friday, October 24th. On the form behind this sheet, you can indicate how many Angels you would like to adopt and select one of four training sessions available for you to attend. Once you have registered and receive your Angel Tree toolkit, complete with your Angel tags, you will be ready to start your program. Some suggested ideas for displaying your Angels are: hang Angels on your organization’s Christmas tree, use garland to outline the shape of a Christmas tree and attach the Angels, use a bulletin board in your office or break room to display the Angels.

Ready to Participate?
Registration Form is on the back.

www.SalvationArmyHouston.org

The Salvation Army
Volunteer Services Dept.
832-201-8018
 Thank you for participating in this year’s Angel Tree program. With your help, we will be able to provide gifts to needy children and seniors in our community. Let us know who you are by filling out the following...

1. **Company/Organization Information:**

   Company/Organization: ____________________________________________________________
   Contact Name: ____________________________   Title: _________________________________
   Address: ________________________________________________________________________
   City, State, Zip: ___________________________________________________________________
   Phone: __________________________________   Fax: __________________________________
   Email: __________________________________________________________________________

2. **How many Angels would you like to adopt?**

   Children: _________________          Seniors: _________________

   *Children and senior ornaments list the name, age, gender and gift requests or suggested gift items.*

3. **Angel Tree Orientation:**

   Please select one of the following 30-minute training sessions.

   _____ Tuesday, November 4, 2014:   ☐ 10:30 a.m.   ☐ 2:30 p.m.
   _____ Wednesday, November 5, 2014:    ☐ 10:30 a.m.   ☐ 2:30 p.m.

   Name(s) of representative(s) attending: ____________________________________________

   **Orientation will be conducted at The Salvation Army Houston Area Command office,** located at 1500 Austin St. The parking lot is behind the building, on the corner of Austin and Bell. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

   At orientation, your organization will receive your Angel Tree toolkit, along with step-by-step instructions on how to have a successful program.

   Fax or e-mail completed forms to The Salvation Army’s Volunteer Services Dept.
   Carmen Zermeno, Volunteer Coordinator
   713-752-0078/fax - Carmen_Zermeno@uss.salvationarmy.org

**Submission Deadline is Friday, October 24, 2014.**