

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH “WISH TREE” PROJECT - 2011

From Saturday, November 19 until Sunday, December 4

The Social Action Committee will kick off its annual Wish Tree Project this weekend and will ONLY run for the next two weeks. Baskets containing gift tags have been placed near the Church exits. This will give you extra time to shop and return gifts. The traditional Wish Tree will be set up Thanksgiving weekend for those of you who prefer to take the tag off the tree. **All UNWRAPPED GIFTS WITH THE TAG ATTACHED AND GIFT CARDS should be returned by the noon Mass on Sunday, December 4** in order to insure delivery in time for the programs' holiday party. Tags are identified for a specific recipient-mainly children, and our providing these gifts will enable these children to receive a gift for Christmas. **In some cases, this may be the only gift they receive, so please consider this very seriously when taking a tag.** Most requests are easily available at stores like Target or Walmart. If you are not sure of an item, a Gift Card is acceptable.

The color of the **RIBBON** tied to the tag denotes the agency requesting the gift. The Programs served by this gift collection are:

Covenant to Care – YELLOW RIBBON

This agency works closely with DCF (Department of Child and Family) and faith communities. The faith communities, through the social workers, provide transitional assistance to children who are removed from their home due to neglect or abuse. Many times children are removed from their home with little if any belongings. Our gifts will be given to the social workers to distribute to these children.

Interval House – RED RIBBON

The Interval House in Hartford provides support to victims of domestic violence. They run an emergency shelter for battered women and their children. Services provided may include a 24-hour hotline for victims of abuse, information and referrals for legal and medical assistance, counseling, housing, financial aid and job training. The Interval House gives victims relief from the violence in their lives.

Mercy Family Center – GOLD RIBBON

This program works with homeless families to help them rebuild their lives. The center provides services to families in an effort to help them regain a sense of community and belonging, ownership and empowerment in their lives.

St. Martin de Porres House – SILVER RIBBON

The Catholic Worker community provides hospitality to the homeless, food to the hungry, furniture to the poor, and tutoring and socialization for children. This ministry follows and honors the life of Jesus by showing us the needs and benefits of total solidarity with the poor.

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St. Peter’s Church – ORANGE RIBBON

These gifts will be given to the children of parishioners of St. Peter’s Church in Hartford.

Town of Wethersfield – BLUE RIBBON

The town’s social service department disperses the gifts to families in need.

Y-US Program – DARK GREEN RIBBON

Y-US (Youth-Under Stress) is a private, non-profit organization housed at Immaculate Conception parish. This program provides a long-term support system to youths that have experienced physical or sexual abuse, neglect or emotional trauma. This program helps empower children by providing them with the tools to direct their future with a positive attitude.

Immaculate Conception Church – NO TAGS

This Hartford church receives any gifts that are returned after the Wish Tree collection has concluded or gifts that are returned without a tag. Immaculate distributes these gifts during their Three Kings celebration.

Gift Cards intended for the Wish Tree Project should be placed in the special envelopes marked “**WISH TREE PROJECT**” with the Wish Tree tag taped on the outside of the envelope.

Monetary Donations intended for the Wish Tree Project should be made payable to **Corpus Christi Social Action** & placed in the special envelopes marked “**WISH TREE PROJECT**”.

**PLEASE PLACE ALL “WISH TREE PROJECT” ENVELOPES IN
OFFERTORY BASKETS OR DROP OFF AT THE RECTORY.**

DO NOT PLACE ENVELOPES UNDER THE TREE.

After Mass, the Social Action Committee welcomes assistance from parishioners in transporting gifts over to the rectory basement. Truly, the generosity of our Corpus Christi family makes all the difference in many people’s lives. You can see from this list how much you are needed and your magnanimous giving is deeply appreciated.

Questions, please call Mary Pergiovanni at 860-632-0161 or Doris Welner at 860-529-9475.