

**December 2015**

# Safe Families *for* Children

Monthly Newsletter



## Events: ***SFFC Volunteer Orientation***

**When:** Saturday, December 19th 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**Where:** Twin Cedars' Coleman Center, 701 Lincoln St., LaGrange

**Who's invited?** Anyone interested in SFFC ministry

**\*\* Please RSVP by email to [cgibson@twincedar.org](mailto:cgibson@twincedar.org) \*\***

## **The Perfect Gift...**

Thanksgiving has passed and many are now focused on finding that perfect gift for those they love. What makes a gift perfect? Is it the size, cost, durability, or practicality?

Christ came to give us His perfect gift, to have life and life more abundantly. He gave us hope and a future; and eternal life to those who choose Him. His gift came at a high price; however He freely gave it with enormous love. But with His gift comes responsibility; it costs us something as well. Yes, His gift of salvation is freely given, but He expects us to share His gospel, the good

news, to others and to be hospitable.

Being hospitable means to love and care for strangers, the sojourners. The early church was known by their acts of hospitality and we are to continue that work until His return. Hospitality is sacrifice. It costs us something. If our acts of hospitality are easy, then it's not sacrifice. Sacrifice is uncomfortable, it costs time, money, and interrupts our schedules. Hospitality is challenging and must be intentional. It's not a 'spiritual gift' that only some receive... it's a calling and a characteristic of being a Christian.

Give the gift of hospitality this Christmas to those in need. Mentor a young mom who's alone, care for a child in distress, and give the gift of hope to those without.

Though we can never pay back Christ for what He freely gave us, we can give back to Him by giving the gift of hospitality to others. This is a gift that never stops giving and is full of eternal rewards. This is the gift that demonstrates the heart and love of God and spreads the good news of Jesus Christ to others.

Safe Families for Children West GA wishes you a very **Merry Christmas**, full of nurturing moments with your children; and we hope you share those moments with others.

*Volunteers motivated by their faith...*

*"Ministering God's love to families in need"*

## **New Resolutions...**

The New Year isn't far ahead and already we are listing our New Year's resolutions. Most of those lists are filled with self betterment promises in hopes they'll be kept this year.

What if we erased half of our list and exchanged them with community betterment promises? What if we made resolutions to mentor someone, volun-

teer somewhere, give extra to a worthy cause, and commit to building up areas in need? What if we thanked our leaders more, appreciated our service community better, and smiled at each other more genuinely?

I believe if only 10% of us exchanged half of our resolutions with community resolutions, we could literally change the face of

social work in Troup County drastically. I believe we can reword the headlines and stories in our own newspapers; and ease the heavy burdens that so many are carrying.

Our hope is that 2016 will prove to be the best year as of yet for you, your family, and our community.

**Happy New Year 2016!**

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Host Family
- Ministry Lead
- Family Coach
- Family Friend
- Resource Partner
- Community Outreach
- Support Groups
- Intake

**There's a place for everyone to serve.**

## **For More Information:**

To become a SFFC Volunteer or to refer a family to SFFC, please contact:

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