



*Nurturing Families...
Inside and Out*

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***“How can I help
this Christmas?”***

**That’s a question we
hear a lot and this
newsletter offers a
range of options to
help support Cam-
eron programs**

Your participation is important!
Please help us by contacting us
early and letting us know what
you will be providing. This helps
us better plan our events .

Contact **Beth LaPointe**,
at **254-2697** or by e-mail at
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Cindy Harper or **Karen Deyle**
can also be contacted.

Please try to meet the dates
you’ve set up so we can be sure
we are ready for each event.

Thank you for your support,
partnership, and prayers.
We wish you and your families
a blessed Christmas and joy in
the New Year!



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL 2010

Cameron Community Ministries

Holiday Update

Dear Friends of Cameron,

It’s hard to believe that another Christmas season will be here shortly! Everyone here at Cameron begins thinking about the holidays right after we distribute school supplies. We continue to be grateful for all the donations that come to Cameron and go right back out to those in need. This year, we’ve seen record numbers of guests at our daily meal program and expect that this will continue through the end of this year and into next year. We’ve also had more calls of people looking for help and are planning for record number of attendees with our holiday programs. Both our Neighborhood Santa Party and Christmas Lunch had around 225 last year and we expect 275-300 in each this year.

We are also fortunate to have individuals, churches, businesses, schools and other organizations who help support all our holiday programs through financial contributions, donations of toys, food, books, clothing, household items and so much more. The holidays are a joyous time at Cameron, even for those who are dealing with unrelenting poverty. We hear that a simple “Merry Christmas”, a special meal, a chance to pick out a gift that they really need or want or just a friendly place to come and get warm can make a difference in our guest’s lives.

We thank you for considering one of the options listed in this newsletter that will help someone in need here at Cameron. Our wish for all is to have a blessed Christmas, filled with peace and joy.

In Faithful Service,

Cindy Harper

Give Cameron For Christmas

If you would like to give a gift of hospitality to a friend or family member, consider a monetary gift to Cameron in that individual’s honor. Simply provide the names and addresses of your loved ones with your check and we will send a Christmas card announcing your gift as a tribute.





Seasoned Greetings!

Help us add flavor to our holiday meals! At Cameron, we expect to serve over 45,000 hot meals this year. That's nearly 130 people a day, six days a week. We are often blessed with donations from local restaurants and grocery stores and can usually buy protein with a Foodlink grant. Currently, our greatest needs are the spices, herbs and condiments that make our meals tasty. These items can be purchased in large sizes at BJ's or Sam's but store brands are also fine. This is a great youth group project.

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| Salt and Pepper | Non-Dairy Powdered Creamer | Goya Spanish Seasonings |
| Sloppy Joe /Taco/ Chili Mix Envelopes | Jiffy Cornbread Mix | Adobo/Sazon |
| Brown Gravy Mix or Jars | Scalloped or Au Gratin Potatoes | Cornstarch |
| Worcestershire Sauce | Margarine / Butter | Garlic – Fresh or Jars |
| Hot Sauce (like Frank's) | Elbow Macaroni | Parmesan (Shaker) Cheese |
| Cumin for Chili | Cooking Spray (like Pam) | Salad Dressings |



Holiday Food Baskets for our Afterschool Families

We want to insure that all the children in our After School Program have a traditional and fulfilling holiday meal. The size of our families range from 4 to 8 people.

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| Gift Card (\$10) to purchase Turkey | Stuffing Mix | Yams |
| Mashed Potatoes | Jiffy Cornbread Mix | Green Beans or Collards |
| Turkey Gravy Mix or Jars | Scalloped or Au Gratin Potatoes | Cream of Mushroom Soup |
| Pie Shell or Pie Crust Mix | Margarine / Butter | French's Onion Topping |
| Canned Pie Filling | Cooking Spray (like Pam) | Salad Dressings |
| Cranberry Sauce | Sugar Cookie Mix | Hot Cocoa Mix |

Christmas Projects: Gifts



Christmas Lunchtime Gifts

Each year we celebrate with a Christmas Meal for our regular lunch guests. Last year, we provided a practical gift for each lunch guest. These are the people we serve all year and whose needs are many. Below are some practical gift suggestions. These were items that our clients gratefully received last year. Our Christmas lunch will be held Wednesday, 12/22 and we expect approx 300 guests. **We suggest the \$10-\$20 range for these items.**

Misc. Kitchen Utensils	Sweatshirts Men's/Women's L/XL/XXL	Duffle Bags	Set of Bath Towels
Pots or Pans	Tool Kit for Men or razors	Full Size Pillow	Electric Hand Mixer
Set of Silverware	Bike Locks	Full or Queen Sheet Set	Food Storage Container Set
Set of Glassware	Multi Purpose Flashlight	Full or Queen Blanket	Crock Pot (Small)
Toaster	Full or Queen Comforter	Rain Suit (hooded top and pants)	Coffee Maker

Cameron Kids Christmas Shop



Each year, we provide a special shopping day for the kids in our After School program. We allow them to choose 1 gift for 2 special adults in their lives. This might be a parent, grandparent or a teacher. We ask that items be **new** (in the \$10 range) and will need 100 items. Our shopping day will be held on 12/15—please call us before collecting for this program as it is a very popular group project.

Bake and Serve Pans	Tool Kits for Men	Set of Kitchen Utensils	Men's & Women's Belts
Set of Silverware	Electric Razors	Decorative Serving Dish	Scented Bath & Lotion Set
Women's Purses	Multi Purpose Flashlight	Decorative Kitchen Linen Set	Men's Cologne Sets
Set of Coffee Mugs	Gloves	Stylish Umbrellas	Men's Wallets
NEW Women's Jewelry	Picture Frames	Food Storage Container Set	Tablecloth or Placemats
Accessories (Glittery Bags/ Scarves)	Sports Team Sweatshirts	Decorative Mixing Bowl Sets	Jewelry Box

Neighborhood Santa Party

Santa comes to Cameron on Monday **December 20 from 3p.m. to 6p.m.** We have refreshments, gifts, hats, mittens, toothbrushes & coloring books. All ages from toddler to teen are welcome, but we are always short of gifts for kids 12-16. We anticipate between 275 - 300 children. Except for handheld games, or MP3 players, no toys that require batteries please. Please **NO** toy guns or violent action figures. Please deliver unwrapped, so we can sort to the

Toys for Babies/Toddlers	Toys for Boys	Toys for Girls	Toys for Teens
Blocks	Sports equipment	Dark-skinned dolls	Mp3 players
Shape matching toys	Lego sets	Gifts from Disney channel shows	Gift cards Target, Wal-Mart
Chunky or cloth books	Workbench kits	Hannah Montana Items	Regal Movie tickets (pair)
Push along walking toys	Science learning kits	Play sets, store, beauty, kitchen	Makeup kits
Music toys	Art kits	Arts & Crafts sets	Sports equipment (basketballs)
Early puzzles	Model kits (dinosaurs, planes)	Hair braiding kits (beads)	Board games
Fisher Price toys	Magic Set	Sparkly nail polish or lip gloss kits	Hand held games
Books that make sounds	Spiderman / Superhero Items	Friendship bracelet kits	Hoodies sweatshirts, plain

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Welcome to **Bev Bauman**—our new Americorps volunteer who will be working with us this year.

Give the Gift of Time

During the holidays what a better gift to give than your time! At Cameron during the holidays it is very busy and we can always use extra help. The following are some opportunities for volunteering:

- Front Desk Greeter
- Clothing House help
- Sort hats and gloves
- Be a “helper elf” for holiday events
- Wrap Presents (great for youth groups)
- Serve a meal (lunch or Kid’s Café)



CLOTHING WE ALWAYS NEED

Socks for Men Women & Children

Women’s Plus Size Clothing (new or used)

Men’s Boxers

Boy’s Underwear

Men’s Gloves



Adopt-a-Family

We have 40 children (25 families) in our afterschool program this year. Last year, we recognized the struggles of some of our families as they prepared for the holidays. We are continuing to offer an adopt-a-family program to families that request our help. Throughout the school year, we get to know the families of our children and want to make sure they have a joyous Christmas. We also want to make sure the siblings of the children in our program have presents under the tree.

If you are interested in this option, please call Beth LaPointe at **254-2697** or e-mail her at **ccmvolunteerc@gmail.com** and we can send out more information as well as match you up with a family. Last year the 30 families we assisted were extremely grateful. They were so happy that there were presents under the tree for their kids. Many of the adults asked for practical items such as kitchenware items and dishes but were mainly concerned that their children had a joyous Christmas.