



# CHRISTMAS—A TIME TO SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH THOSE IN NEED

Almadale Farms has been adopting a family in need through the Big Brothers-Big Sisters Organization for the last five years. BBBS is a wonderful organization trying to make a difference in the lives of single parent/guardianship families in the Memphis area by matching mentors/role models with young adults.

The Christmas adopt a family program is something extra they do because they are constantly presented with families in need. In years past we were actually able to deliver to our families and see first hand how much this act of kindness means and then pass on that experience to all of you through pictures and a follow-up note

This Christmas we are adopting the Neely/Smith Family. Ms. Smith is not able to work because she cares for two of her children who have disabilities. She also cares for her mother in her home, who is on an oxygen machine. Ms. Smith has seven children ranging from 3 to 14 years of age. Her one adult child suffers from a gun shot wound to the head. She has also taken in her nephew (his mother is HIV positive and has drug problems). The children would be grateful for anything on their list.

## Christmas Wish List For the Neely/Smith Family

**MARRICCO** (14 yr old boy)—Remote Control Cars (Hummer or Escalade), fishing pole, weights, bike, cap and gloves. Shirt Sz. 17 1/2 (4XL), Boxers sz 2XL, Coat 4XL, Pants 46

**DEJA** (9 yr old girl)—Password Journal, Bratz Doll Head, Baby Alive, purse, skates, sponge Bob Life Game. Shirt 16, Size 41/2 Shoes, Size 16 underwear, Size 16 Pants

**JAYDA** (7 yr old girl)—Bratz Head, Scooter, Skates, Karaoke, Leap Frog, Baby Alive, Cotton Candy Machine, Cap & Gloves. Sz. 7 Shirt, Sz 12 Shoes, Sz 7 Underwear, Med Socks, Sz 7/8 Pants

**JALIAH** (5 yr. old girl)—Dora Doll House, Scooter, skates, cabbage patch kid, purse, books, cap & gloves. Sz 12 shirt, size 2 1/2 shoe, sz 12 underwear, sz 14 Pajamas, sz 12 pants, sz 14 coat

**DEVANT'S** (10 yr old boy)—Skateboard, watch, remote control car and scooter. Sz 16 shirt, Sz 16 boxers, Sz 18 coat Sz 16 pants

**MALIK** (8 yr old boy)—Game Boy, basketball & goal, football, keyboard, Meg T Rex, Shell shocker or Road Rap-tor.

**CHA'RANISE** (3 yr old girl)—Loves Dora the Explorer (anything), Sz. 5 Toddler Shirt & boxers, Sz 5 Toddler Coat & pants.

## How Can You Help?

If there is something special on the list you would like to help with, call me ASAP at 861-4183 to avoid duplicates. Or you can make a cash donation and we'll do the shopping for you. Make checks out to Rene Platten and you will receive a tax donation sheet from BBBS directly. **Please call or drop off your donation by December 14th to 1852**

**Hartwell Manor North.** This is a major endeavor but if we all give a little we can make it happen.

As in years past, if we have any funds left over we have donated it to BBBS for their fun filled Christmas Ice Skating Party for all children involved in their programs. My family and I have attended this many times and it is an amazing day for over 300 kids who skate at the DeSoto Civic Center, have lunch and take home a gift.

For some, this is all they will have to open for Christmas.

**LADIES OF ALMADALE:** Don't forget this year's Ornament Exchange!

Everyone Welcome. Mark your calendars for December 14th. Please bring an ornament or holiday decoration (wrapped) in the \$10-15.00 range. Food and drinks will be provided by the Bunko Ladies. Hope you can join us this year at the home of Rene Platten, 1852 Hartwell Manor North. at 7:00 pm.

