

## A Holiday Season of... *Faith*



The holiday season at Sunshine Ministries overflows with **faith, family** and **fun** as together we count our many blessings on Thanksgiving Day and celebrate the joy of Christmas. Many special holiday events and meals are planned in November and December to include all of the men, women and children we serve.

As the men in our Resident Shelter prepare their “home” and their hearts for the season, they reflect on God’s redeeming love and are thankful for His unending mercy. The moms and grandmas in our Ladies Program are encouraged by our biblical sharing times to appreciate all of God’s bountiful provision and celebrate His saving grace with their own families. From Thanksgiving pumpkins to Christmas plays, the children delight in every minute of the holiday season! The Preschool kids especially enjoy sharing their childlike faith as they present the Christmas Story to their moms and dads.



*For by grace  
you have been  
saved through  
**Faith**  
and this is not  
your own doing;  
it is the gift  
of God.*

Ephesians 2:8



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Sunshine Ministries is committed to providing high quality Christian social services to the poor and needy of St. Louis by offering healing from the past, help for the present, and hope for the future.



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# A Note from the Director

Dear Friends,

The holiday season is a time of great joy at Sunshine Ministries! It is a time filled with fun and fellowship as well as many opportunities to encourage our Sunshine family, the men, women and children we serve, with faith, love and hope.

Thanksgiving allows us to model and teach “an attitude of gratitude.” Although the people we serve don’t have a lot, there is still so much for them to be thankful for. Sometimes we all need to be reminded of the many blessings God showers on us each day. The men are especially grateful for having a “home” for the holidays and being surrounded by people who value them and believe in their potential. Most of them do not have families to be with during the holidays, so we truly are the only “family” they know.

And, of course, Christmas is the best time of the year to experience the joy of the Lord as we celebrate the birth of Christ and understand the redeeming love He offers each of us. It is the faith that comes from hearing and believing the true Christmas story that provides a firm foundation for needed healing, help and hope.

Yes, this season is a time filled with faith, family and fun . . . but it is also filled with friends. Friends like you who continue to support and encourage the work of Sunshine Ministries are the most meaningful holiday gift to us and everyone we serve! The Sunshine family is so grateful for your partnership and we want to wish you and your family a blessed holiday season!

Sincerely,

*Carol Clarkson*

## A Holiday Season of... *Family*



The Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket Giveaways provide all of the ingredients for a complete holiday meal for each of our ladies to prepare for their own families. The parents and grandparents we serve are so grateful for this gift to help them gather their whole family together for food and fellowship during the holiday season.

Another fun holiday event is our *Friends and Family Photo Shoot* at both of the Basket Giveaways. The families dress up to take a holiday picture with our friendly Scarecrow or Santa and his elves. The finished photos provide lots of smiles and forever memories!





# A Holiday Season of... *Fun*



## **Oh My! Pumpkin Pie!**

The Preschool children enjoy preparing (and eating) their Thanksgiving Feast - especially the pumpkin pie!!

The men make their own ornaments to decorate the trees in the Resident Shelter.



*"It's not how much we have but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness."*

Charles Spurgeon



It does not matter how old you are... whether you are 7 or 89... a visit with Santa is a highlight for our Christmas celebrations. And a trip to Santa's workshop is a special treat for the boys and girls at the annual Kid's Club Party.



# You can help us share the JOY of the Holiday Season!



## Thanksgiving Needs List:

### BASKET GIVEAWAY FOOD:

- Boxed stuffing
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Canned vegetables (any variety)
- Canned turkey gravy
- Canned jellied cranberries
- Gift cards for Schnucks, Walmart, or Sams for the turkey (We purchase the turkeys so they are all the same brand and size for each family)



## Community Closet Needs:

- Towels and washcloths
- Blankets, bedspreads and sheets
- Kleenex and Paper towels
- Hats, shoes, purses and dress scarves
- Children's winter clothes and shoes

## Christmas Needs List:

### BASKET GIVEAWAY FOOD:

- Boxed potatoes (any variety)
- Canned vegetables (any variety)
- Boxed macaroni & cheese
- Canned pineapple slices
- Gift cards for Schnucks, Walmart, or Sams for the ham (We purchase the hams so they are all the same brand and size for each family)
- Boxed cake mix and canned frosting
- Bag of Christmas candy

### CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR KIDS:

- Black baby dolls or young girl dolls and accessories
- Makeup or hair styling sets
- Electronic "gadgets" of any kind
- Super hero figures with accessories
- Lego sets
- Play dishes, food and kitchen items
- Dress-up clothes and accessories
- Remote controlled vehicles

**I would like to give a gift to help Sunshine Ministries share God's love and inspire hope in the hearts of the men, women and children they serve this Holiday Season.**

- ☐ I want to support Sunshine Ministries with a gift of ☐\$15 ☐\$25 ☐\$50 ☐\$100 ☐\$\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I want to partner with Sunshine with a new monthly gift of ☐\$10 ☐\$25 ☐\$50 ☐\$100 ☐\$\_\_\_\_\_

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