

Dear Friends,

It is again time to start planning for the Holidays and the Montgomery County Women's Center **Share a Family and Shelter Santa** programs! Last year, through the support and kindness of people such as you, these programs fulfilled the needs and wishes of over 100 families. We anticipate greater needs this year, as there is a significant rise in the number of clients seeking services through MCWC.

The traditional **Share a Family** program matches sponsors with clients and their families. Staff and volunteers of the Women's Center interview each client to determine their suitability for the program. **Prior to Thanksgiving**, sponsors will receive a tailored list of needs and wishes for a family who resides in our Transitional Housing, or has received Shelter, Counseling or Legal Services through the agency during the past year.

Shelter Santa offers organizations, businesses and individuals the opportunity to provide essential items for those women and children entering our shelter after the **Share a Family** interview deadline. Sponsors may purchase items from the *needs list*, which will be used to assemble a customized gift assortment from Santa. Traditionally, the shelter sees an increase of new residents from Thanksgiving through the New Year, and **Shelter Santa** helps brighten a very difficult time.

We ask you to share the joy of the holiday season and become a 2016 **Share a Family or Shelter Santa** sponsor. In order to plan the number of families who will receive assistance this year, please return the completed sponsor form in the enclosed addressed envelope by **October 15, 2016**, or fax to **936-539-8438**, Attention: SAF Project Coordinator. If you have questions or need additional information, please e-mail us at projects@mcwctx.org, or contact us at **936-441-4044 ext. 17**.

DECEMBER 13*	SPONSOR GIFT DROP-OFF
DECEMBER 14*	GIFT ORGANIZATION
DECEMBER 15*	CLIENTS PICK-UP GIFTS



* The Woodlands United Methodist Church – The Loft

Thank you for considering participation in this life changing program. Together we can provide hope, happy memories and a wonderful holiday to the clients and their children who are in need of our services and assistance.

Sincerely,

JoAnne and Mary
Share A Family Holiday Project Coordinators