

A TIME TO HELP!!

We are all aware of the families with children in our community who are in need. For almost 30 Christmas seasons, Snell's has participated in the Women's Center of San Joaquin County's (now known as Women's Center - Youth and Family Services) ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM. This program helps women and children who have left domestic violent relationships or who are victims of sexual assaults. Many of them leave with absolutely nothing except the clothes they are wearing. They have little or no financial support and very few resources for financial assistance. The program helps them have the Christmas they did not think they would have or would ever have.



The teachers and I feel this very worthwhile program gives us the opportunity to give to those less fortunate than ourselves or our children. We would like to extend this opportunity to our parents who also might have the desire to help our "adopted family". Even in economically challenging years we have found this to be very rewarding and successful, as we see a great outpouring of gifts and best wishes to the families we adopt.

This year we have again been asked by the Women's Center-Youth and Family Services if we would be willing to adopt a family. Any help in providing gifts for this

family is so gratefully appreciated. To help us, the mom and children have filled out a "wish list" and a needed item list. We do not meet this family, but the Women's Center spokesperson has assured us that they are very much in need.

To those that are interested in supporting our "adopted family", the following information gives the individual family member's needed items and wishes. You may identify the person on the gift by the description and number (ex. #3 mom, #3 daughter, #3 son-3 yr. and #3 son 1 yr.), so that all gifts can be kept together when delivered.

Again, **Thank You** so very much!

MOM — (#3)

...wears a size Medium in tops and size 5 pant; size 7 shoe. Her special requests are clothes (black or blue jeans, grey or dark blue slacks, black t-shirts, undergarments (size 6 underwear)), toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash), and household (bath or kitchen) items. She has also made a special request for crochet tools and yarn, thick and variegated, and other art supplies.

(#3) 1 Year Old SON

...wears size 12 month clothes and size boy 3 shoes. His favorite colors are green and orange and he likes light up toys. He needs warm clothing and mom has requested Aveeno baby wash/ lotions and baby wipes, Pampers size 4 and a toothbrush. She would also like a baby monitor, safety gate, safety outlet supplies, and safety guards for home. She would like toys that promote standing/walking, light up toys, and big toy trucks.

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."
-- Mother Teresa

ANY HELP in providing any of these gifts is lovingly appreciated. The gifts need to be **NEW AND UNWRAPPED** with the **person's name on it**. (If you would like to include wrapping paper for the mother to wrap gifts, that would be appreciated.) The children's toys need to be of a **nonviolent nature**. please! **The VERY LAST DAY to bring these gifts to the office will be FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.**

We would like to keep track of the kinds of things that are given to the family just so we don't have a lot of duplication. A list will be posted in the LIBRARY if you are interested in checking it before you purchase your gift. We feel good about participating in this special program. It helps us remember what this season is all about: CARING, SHARING, and LOVE!

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call or ask one of the teachers.

Sincerely, *Miss Margaret & all the Teachers!*



(#3) 3 Year Old SON

...wears a size 3T top and pant and boy size 7 shoe. His favorite colors are green and orange and he likes Tonka trucks, airplanes, and Hot Wheels. He needs underwear and warm clothing. He would like a night light and step stool and, for toiletries, he needs tear-free shampoo, body wash, a tooth brush, toothpaste, and mouth wash.

(#3) DAUGHTER

...is 8 years old. She currently wears a size Medium for top and her pant size is a teen size 1. Her shoe size is a 4 1/2. Her favorite colors are pink and purple. She needs training bras, underwear, and warm clothing. For toiletries she needs a toothbrush, deodorant, hair supplies, hair bows and ties, shampoo and conditioner. She would like a night light and likes anything *Jojo Siwa*, baby doll, hair bows.