

## What is Christmas For Kids?

Christmas For Kids (or "CFK") was started in 1991 as a ministry to help our church community with Christmas. Since then we have opened the program to surrounding communities and have built wonderful relationships with the local school districts.

CFK is a voluntary program that offers new Christmas toys and gifts to kids who would otherwise go without. This may include families on public assistance, as well as the "working poor," and families who may be experiencing medical or emotional hardships.

CFK is comprised of unpaid volunteers from several churches and the community who come together to help those in need. All monetary donations to the program are used in their entirety for gifts for children.

CFK is a practical way to show God's love to the least, the last, and the lost. By providing families with holiday food baskets and Christmas gifts for children, we help bring joy to the entire family.



Friends like you have provided a brighter Christmas for families grappling with poverty, cancer, illnesses, divorce, and more. The needs are so great – may God bless you for helping in any way!

## Contact Us Today.

For additional information about CFK or questions about how to get involved with CFK, please contact Denise Dworning. Feel free to pass this along to anyone who you think would like to help.



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## Bringing Christmas To Families In Need



***“Compassion is a work of the Holy Spirit...it is a very clear evidence of a Spirit-filled life.”***

*Bert Waggoner, Past National Director, Vineyard USA*

## How Do I Get Involved?

To make this program a success, we need businesses and individuals that are willing to partner with us. We have several ways to collect donations:

\*A tree or container can be set up in a place of business. On it will be tags stating the gender and age of a child in the program. This tag is removed from the tree, and an age/gender-appropriate gift is purchased and placed under the tree with the tag attached.

\*Monetary donations and store gift cards, as well as food and gifts, are also accepted, and are tax-deductible. All money collected will be used to purchase gifts for the children in the program. We do not keep any portion of the money for operating expenses.

*(Any extra presents will be donated or stored in preparation for next years CFK giveaway.)*

***Thank you for helping us bring Christmas to families in need.***



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Since 2008, CFK has served:**

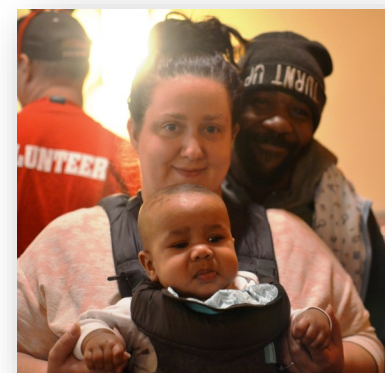
**6,173 Kids  
(2,244 Families)**

### Yearly Statistics

**2012: 688 Kids & 240 Families**  
**2013: 530 Kids & 225 Families**  
**2014: 586 Kids & 203 Families**  
**2015: 550 Kids & 230 Families**  
**2016: 715 Kids & 300 Families**  
**2017: 749 Kids & 293 Families**  
**2018: 515 Kids & 180 Families**

## It's More Than Giving Gifts.

***One grateful mom said,  
“Without CFK, there would be no gifts under the tree for my four children. Christmas For Kids allows my husband and I to receive help without feeling like we are receiving a handout, or leftovers.  
Thank you for allowing us to keep our dignity – and thank you for bringing happiness to our home!”***



## How Are The Gifts Distributed?

The gifts are displayed in age-appropriate categories in the church sanctuary, which is decorated as if they are stepping into a department store “winter wonderland.”

Parents are escorted into the gift area, where they can “shop” for an allotted number of presents for their children. (1 to 2 large gifts and 1 to 2 small gifts per child) We have stocking stuffers and other little gifts to make their Christmas complete. We also provide a full food basket and fresh produce to each family.

We have wrapping stations where volunteers will wrap the presents while the parents wait or we will provide them with all the materials for them to wrap themselves.

