

# *Looking for a new holiday tradition?*

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## **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Nursing Home Outreach (Lindale – CCF Ministry: <http://ccflindale.org/adults/nursing-home-ministry/>)
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday every month 10am-12pm
  - o CCF Contact: Mike & Quenie Packard (mikepackard@att.net)
  
- Gateway of Hope (<http://gatewaytohopetyler.org/>)
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month serve a meal to those in need
  - o CCF Contact: Darlene Garrett (darlenefg48@gmail.com)
  
- Salvation Army (Tyler: [http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss/www\\_uss\\_tyler\\_tx.nsf/](http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss/www_uss_tyler_tx.nsf/))
  - o Be a [Bell Ringer](#) (Many Dates & Times to choose from)
  - o Assist with their [Thanksgiving Day Meal](#) (Nov 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:30-1:00pm)
  - o [Cook their Thanksgiving Meal](#) (Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, 9-11am)
  - o Serve in their [Soup Kitchen](#) (Volunteers must be 18 or older)
  
- East Texas Food Bank (Tyler: <http://www.easttexasfoodbank.org/Home>)
  - o [Various Opportunities](#) from packing food boxes to office work (Year Round)
  
- [Holy Family Kitchen](#) (Lindale: <http://www.holyfamilylindale.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=211>)
  - o Serve a meal, every Monday beginning at 4:30pm
  - o Volunteers must be high school age or older
  - o Contact Marge @ 903-882-0836

## **Holiday Project Ideas:**

- East Texas Food Bank
  - o Host a [Food Drive](#)
  
- Operation Shoebox
  - o Put together a [care package](#) for a soldier
  
- Samaritan's Purse (<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/>)
  - o Pack a shoebox for [Operation Christmas Child](#)

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- Gateway to Hope Outreach (CCF) Opportunities
  - Bake Cookies for Gateway of Hope Outreach (CCF) at Christmas or any time throughout the year
    - Simply put medium-sized 2 cookies in clear bag, put in box, and label “Gateway of Hope” and drop off in CCF’s freezer.
  - Serve at Gateway of Hope Outreach, which occurs the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month.
    - CCF Contact: Nancy Goldsmith (GoldsmithArch@sbcglobal.net)
  - Purchase Women’s Costume Jewelry at CCF on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 10 AM Brunch at (donation basis), to help defray costs of extra Christmas Costs
    - CCF Contact: Moni Guyer (MoniGuyer@gmail.com)
  - Crochet Caps (1 size fits all adults).
    - CCF Contact: Moni Guyer (MoniGuyer@gmail.com)
  - New or Lightly Used Men’s Underwear Christmas Clothing Drive
    - December 1<sup>4th</sup> is the last Sunday for gathering boxers and/or WHITE socks for men. Tub will be available in the sanctuary Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>
    - CCF Contact: Darlene Garrett (darlenefg48@gmail.com)
  - Christmas Gift Package Assembly at Chris VanDeKop’s home (15862 Hwy. 110 at Mercy Ships’ Campus). We think we’ll have 60-70 sacks to pack.
    - CCF Contact: Chris VanDeKop (ChrisVanDeKop4@gmail.com)

### **Raise Money for:**

- W.I.N.G.S (CCF partner) delivers CCF sponsored care packages to girls who perform in Tyler’s night clubs.
  - CCF Contact: Shirley Anderson (lionpaw77@sbcglobal.net)
- Orphan Relief and Rescue (<http://www.orphanreliefandrescue.org>)
  - Dec 14<sup>th</sup> CCF will host a special fundraiser for this valuable ministry
- Christmas Helpers (LISD)
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## **Ideas for Families:**

- Nativity Discussions
- Neighborhood Christmas Caroling
- Intercessory Advent Calendar
- Practice Random Acts of Kindness
- Open Your Home to the Lonely
- Handmade Christmas Cards
- Teach your children a Christmas Carol or Hymn
- Schedule in Cookie Baking
- Table Talk Christmas Devotions
- Table Talk Resources:
  - [Book Option 1](#) ,
  - [Book Option 2](#), or
  - [Game](#),
- \$20 Treasure Hunt. See <http://ow.ly/DjbLg> for the full description.
- Spend holiday nights around the tree
- Prophecy boxes
  - Prophecy Boxes are studying Christ and who he is at Christmas. The challenge is bringing it into a practical and interesting setting for a family. Prepare boxes or envelopes with scripture selections, which prophesied Jesus coming – open one daily with your family as you countdown the season.  
([http://www.cbn.com/spirituallife/biblestudyandtheology/jesus\\_prophecy\\_fulfilled.aspx](http://www.cbn.com/spirituallife/biblestudyandtheology/jesus_prophecy_fulfilled.aspx))
- Have a Christmas Campfire

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### **Other Resources:**

[Redeeming the Season](#) by Kim Wier, Pam McCune

Or [Redeeming the Season, Audio from Focus on the Family](#)

[Treasuring God In Our Traditions](#) by Noel Piper