

# SPIRIT OF GIVING

Local organizations seek donations during holiday season

**Bambinos**

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**What we do:** Nonprofit ministry that assists low-income families in Dallas by reducing stress in homes and enriching the lives of children through clothes, supplies, scholarships and more.  
**Our wish list includes:** Diapers/wipes (sizes 3 to 6); baby wipes; hygienic supplies for kids and adults and monetary donations.

**Dallas Adopt A Family**

**Melissa Bauer**  
Polk Resource Center, 326 Main St., Dallas  
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**What we do:** The holiday drive matches Dallas families in need with community members who adopt them and provide a holiday meal and a gift for each child in the family.  
**Our wish list includes:** Wal-Mart gift cards (for teenager toys); food cards to any store for last minute requests on Friday when the Pantry is closed and a family has no food; gas cards for families who have just started a job but may not have the gas to get to employment; hygiene products; pillows.

**Dallas Christmas Cheer**

**Sue Lamb**  
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**What we do:** To provide families in need a holiday gift of food boxes — enough for a holiday meal and beyond in the greater Dallas area, including Rickreall, Perrydale and Falls City.  
**Our wish list includes:** Volunteers to help sort, shop, pack and deliver food boxes and toys to families in need 6 a.m. on Dec. 24; conduct canned food drives; support businesses that have our barrels in place (a list can be found online); support school-sponsored canned food drives; year-end charitable giving donations.

**Darr Winter Clothing Drive**

**Deb Darr**  
Drop-off site: Starlite Lanes Bowling Center, 394 Main St., Dallas  
Phone number: 503-787-3888

**What we do:** The Warm and Fuzzy winter clothing drive provides clothes to area families in need. All donations stay in Polk County.  
**Our wish list includes:** New or gently used clothing, including coats, sweatshirts, socks, mittens and scarves. The winter clothing drive will begin the week of Dec. 7 and run until the week of Jan. 8.

**Ella Curran Food Bank**

**Pat Jaffer**  
870 N. Main St., Independence  
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Email: [mmjaffer@cs.com](mailto:mmjaffer@cs.com)

**What we do:** The Ella Curran Food Bank provides emergency food boxes for needy and low-income area residents. We are community supported and a partner of the Marion-Polk Food Share.

**Our wish list includes:** Canned and nonperishable food, including dressing and stuffing for the holidays. Vegetables and meats are acceptable as we have limited freezer/refrigerator storage. Gently used clothing, blankets and bedding are also needed. Volunteers are welcome.

**Falls City Arts Council**

**Amy Houghtaling**  
Email: [amy.houghtaling@falls-city-schools.org](mailto:amy.houghtaling@falls-city-schools.org)  
**What we do:** We promote accessible art, cultural and historic enrichment programs that will build a foundation of support, trust, education and growth experiences by inspiring creative expression and enhancing lives through sustainable opportunities for all residents of Falls City and surrounding rural communities, including those affected by poverty and homelessness.  
**Our wish list includes:** Children's art supplies (crayons, paints, markers, construction paper, colored pencils, etc.).

**Independence Health & Rehabilitation Giving Tree**

**Liane Moser**  
Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St., Independence.  
Phone: 503-838-2240 or 503-838-1811.

**What we do:** Provides gifts for residents of the Independence Health & Rehabilitation. The giving tree is located at the Independence Public Library where people can pick up gift tags and return purchased gifts.  
**Our wish list includes:** People willing to purchase gifts for residents. Also, cash donations to purchase items not taken off the giving tree.

**Monmouth-Independence Community Foundation**

**Marilyn Morton**  
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Phone: 503-838-0251

**What we do:** The Foundation provides financial support for educational, civic, recreational and cultural activities, programs, institutions, facilities and organizations and those serving youth and adults residing within the boundaries of the Central 13J School District. Basically, anything which might be of benefit to the greater Monmouth-Independence community and its residents is within the general purpose of the Foundation.

**Our wish list includes:** We need all of Monmouth and Independence to be familiar with the Community Foundation and its purpose; contributors to fulfill our wish to someday fund a scholarship for every interested graduate of Central High School; contributors to fulfill our wish to help every Central School District 13J educator fund extra-curricular classroom projects outside of their budget limitations; to be recognized as a source of community pride for all citizens of Monmouth and Independence; visionaries to help realize our mission 5, 10, 20, 50 and more years from now.

**I-M Community/ Soy comunidad**

**Elena Pena, outreach volunteer**  
Phone: 503-838-3518

**What we do:** We are a bilingual community center for the purposes of community participation to empower families through education and promotion of life enhancement through existing local-, state- and county-based resources. Volunteers with the organization assist families in finding resources.

**Our wish list includes:** Volunteers to help families with paperwork and finding needed resources. That includes volunteers willing to drive people to appointments.

**Help and Hope to Others (H2O)**

**Joetta Chrissakis**  
451 SE Maple St., Dallas  
Phone: 503-831-4736

**What we do:** We provide food, clothing, household goods and much more to the needy in the Polk County area.

**Our wish list includes:** 1. Volunteers. 2. Elevator repair. 3. Internal and external painting. 4. Food donations.

**Monmouth-Independence Nite Court**

**Kathy Martin-Willis**  
c/o Monmouth-Independence YMCA  
301 S. Main St., Independence OR 97351  
503-838-4042

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Website: [theyonline.org](http://theyonline.org)

**What we do:** Provide a safe place for middle-school students to hang out together on Friday nights.  
**Our wish list includes:** People with a heart and desire to mentor youth that are willing to give one Friday night a month (more if they want to) from 6:30 to 9:30 to come and hang out at Nite Court.

**Partnerships in Community Living Inc.**

**Kevin Priest**  
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Website: [www.pclpartnership.org](http://www.pclpartnership.org)

**What we do:** Expand the horizons and enhance the quality of life for those we support.  
Our wish list is long. It includes: House and office items, electronics, sensory toys, toiletries, and gardening supplies.

**Sable House**

**Deborah Thompson, executive director**  
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Website: [www.sablehouse.org](http://www.sablehouse.org)

**What we do:** Serve survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Polk County through crisis intervention. Our complete wish list is online. It includes: personal products, cleaning supplies, baby items, paper products, clothing and household items.

**Western Oregon University Food Pantry**

**Christie Colasurdo**  
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Website: [www.wou.edu/foundation](http://www.wou.edu/foundation)

**What we do:** Serve students, staff, faculty and community members who are food insecure.

**Our wish list includes:** We are in the tail end of a Thanksgiving Day food drive, so anything that is part of a traditional Thanksgiving Day meal. Also, restocking popular items such as canned soups or macaroni and cheese. We also could use some can openers and items to cook with and basic cookbooks.

**Willamette Valley Food Assistance**

**P.O. Box 317, Dallas, OR 97338**  
888 Monmouth Cutoff Road, Building E, Dallas  
Phone: 503-831-5634  
Email: [WVFP@hotmail.com](mailto:WVFP@hotmail.com)  
Website: [www.WVFP.org](http://www.WVFP.org)

**What we do:** Assist needy families with food on a weekly basis for a membership fee of \$42 a month.

**Our wish list includes:** Money to sponsor families that can't afford member fees as well as money to keep foods coming into the program.

*Don't see your organization on the list? To be included on next year's list, contact the I-O newsroom at 503-623-2373 or email to [ionews@polkio.com](mailto:ionews@polkio.com).*



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

It doesn't have to be the holiday season to help out Polk County organizations

Organizations that would like to be added, call 503-623-2373 or email [ionews@polkio.com](mailto:ionews@polkio.com).

- After DARC — 503-623-9501
- Arc of Polk County — 503-949-5552
- Central School District — 503-838-0030
- City of Dallas — 503-831-3502
- City of Independence — 503-838-1212
- City of Monmouth — 503-751-0145
- Crime Victims Assistance Program — 503-623-9268
- Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce — 503-623-2564
- Dallas Fire Department — 503-831-3532
- Dallas Food Bank — 503-623-3578
- Dallas Kids, Inc. — 503-623-6419
- Dallas Police Department — 503-831-3582
- Dallas Public Library — 503-623-2633
- Dallas Retirement Village — 503-623-5581
- Dallas School District — 503-623-5594
- Delbert Hunter Arboretum — 503-623-7359
- Girl Scouts of Southwest Washington and Oregon — 503-581-2451
- Ella Curran Food Bank — 503-838-1276
- Falls City Arts Center — 503-559-6291
- Falls City School District — 503-787-3531
- H-2-O — 503-831-4736
- HandsOn Mid-Willamette Valley — 503-363-1651
- Heron Pointe Assisted Living — 503-838-6850
- Independence Health and Rehabilitation — 503-838-0001
- Independence Public Library — 503-838-1811
- Kings Valley Charter School — 541-929-2134
- Luckiamute Watershed Council — 503-837-0237
- Luckiamute Valley Charter School — 503-623-4837
- Meals on Wheels — 503-838-2084
- Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce — 503-838-4268
- Monmouth-Independence YMCA — 503-838-4042
- Monmouth Public Library — 503-838-1932
- Northwest Human Services — 503-588-5828
- Oregon Child Development Coalition — 503-838-2745
- OSU Extension Service - Polk County — 503-623-8395
- Perrydale School District — 503-623-2040
- Polk County Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) — 503-623-9268, ext. 1301
- Polk Community Development Corporation — 503-831-3173
- Polk County Community Emergency Response Team — 503-623-9396
- Polk County Museum — 503-623-6251
- Polk County Public Health — 503-623-8175
- Polk County Resource Center — 503-623-8429
- Polk Soil and Water Conservation District — 503-623-9680
- Reading for All — 503-623-9664
- SABLE House — 503-623-6703
- Salvation Army — 503-798-4783
- SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) — 503-391-8423
- West Valley Hospital — 503-623-8301
- Willamette Valley Hospice — 503-588-3600