



Changing Lives Through Hands-On Compassion

# Mission Waco

Annual

## Christmas ToyStore '08

### Help Us Fill the Shelves Now

so low-income families can shop, with dignity\*, in early December.

Low-income families are given a voucher to purchase items for their children at the Mission Waco Christmas Toy Store. A discount of 80% is marked off each regular-priced item! \*Mission Waco's philosophy on assistance is that providing discounted items (instead of free items) allows the poor to participate in providing for their families and to shop with dignity. The income from the Toy Store sales is used for purchasing more toys and gift items for the store. This is NOT a fund-raising project.

#### How can you help? You can choose to:

**Donate new and unwrapped toys** -- leave price tags on the items!.

Deliver your donations to the Mission Waco office any weekday before December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Donate new gift wrapping paper, adhesive gift tags and bows.**

We offer free gift wrapping to the shoppers during the store hours.

**Send a check** Volunteers will shop for you! (check payable to "Mission Waco" w/designation of "Toy Store")

#### Volunteer! In a number of ways:

- 1) we need help with shopping in advance
- 2) re-pricing all items (80% discount)
- 3) store operations: help with registering each shopper; visiting with them while they wait their turn to shop; helping on the sales floor; helping at the register; helping with gift wrapping; handing out any free items that are given to us. (such as good used books, good clean stuffed animals, etc)

Groups can provide beverages, goodies, or Christmas "favors" that they can hand out to each shopper, while they visit. Sometimes children are in our playground (they are not allowed inside the store), so volunteers might entertain these children.

### Suggested items to buy and donate to the Toy Store:

- Infant Toys
- Toddler Toys
- Toddler small riding toys
- Toy kitchen dish sets, cooking sets
- Baby / toddler interactive toys
- Baby Doll sets and/or PreTeen Doll sets (all ages/cultures)
- Sports games(tabletop or outdoor)
- Arts/Crafts kits
- CD "Boom Boxes"
- CD Walkman
- Video/elec.games (all ages)
- Digital Cameras
- CD clock/radios
- Prepaid Cell phones
- Boys/Girls/Teen jewelry / watches /clothing accessories
- Teen Toiletries / Cosmetic sets (all ages & genders)
- Gift Certificates (video rentals, movies, electronic/ dept. stores)

**4 Store Dates:** Sat. Dec 6<sup>th</sup> and Sat. Dec 13<sup>th</sup>  
Wed. Dec 10<sup>th</sup> and Wed. Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

**Store Hours:** 9 am - 12 noon (Volunteering shifts begin at 8: and conclude by 2 pm)

**Store Location:** The Children's Center, 1525 West Avenue (corner of North 16<sup>th</sup> and West Avenue)

Deliver donations to the main office, 1315 North 15<sup>th</sup> Street, (254) 753-4900