

Christmas for Kids 2018

Rebecca, our contact at the Children's Advocacy Center, called this week to check and make sure that Southgate was participating in Christmas for Kids again this year. It was a real pleasure to speak with her because she let us know how the gifts we collect are specifically used. Children come into foster care all the time. The holidays unfortunately don't slow that down.

Rebecca informed us that the large amount of toys we collect have been completely used each year. The wide variety of items Southgate donates is helpful because the Children's Advocacy Center is able to put together Christmas for children who are coming into care very close to the holiday. Many kids in care have the opportunity to make a wish list and those individuals can be "adopted" through the Christmas for Kids program. Gifts donated by Southgate however are not for specific children and are given to kids coming into care later in December.

We were glad to know that Southgate is a valued part of this effort to bless children in our community. Lists with suggestions for gifts are on the tables in the foyer. There are brightly decorated boxes around the perimeter of the auditorium where you can drop off toys. Please remember that children of all ages are part of the foster care system. Babies, toddlers, primary, middle school, and high school students are all hoping for a happy holiday season.

If fighting the holiday crowds and getting out in the chilly weather isn't what you enjoy, let the youth group do the shopping for you! Monetary donations may be given to Jason or Tessie Yarbrough. SGY will have a special day to go out together and do all the shopping, and then deliver all the gifts.

Thank you again for being who you are and helping all of us together as Southgate church of Christ bless the children of our greater community.

The Yarbroughs