

SHARE CHRISTMAS 2013

A First Congregational Church of Burlington Tradition

"Then they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the Child and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts." Matt. 2:9-11

You are invited to provide gifts and/or groceries for children and families in need through SHARE CHRISTMAS. Please invite your neighbors, friends, co-workers, teams and/or social service groups to join in!

Options for participation include:

- **CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** We are partnering with the HowardCenter to provide gifts for children and disabled adults from low-income families. The HowardCenter provides a wide variety of programs and services which assist local families dealing with the realities of family members with developmental disabilities and/or emotional and behavioral problems. The HowardCenter programs include prevention, assessment, treatment, support and educational services. **And/or**
- **CHRISTMAS DINNER BOX:** Christmas dinner grocery donations collected through SHARE CHRISTMAS will be given to families living in poverty and served by the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf. **And/or**
- **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:** *Share Christmas* financial **donations are welcome and needed throughout November and December.** We work to stretch donations often getting great deals on food and fun practical gifts for children and adults served by our local partners programs. For example, \$50 will buy new warm socks for 100 children or help stop a utility shut-off; \$60 will help us purchase needed food or gifts for local families in need; \$75 will provide new school supplies for 50 children. Any amount will be put to great use! A list of the 2012 Share Christmas grants is posted at Church.



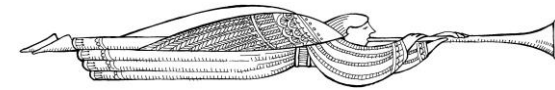
To participate in SHARE CHRISTMAS, please fill in the other side and return this sign-up form to: *Share Christmas*, 1st Congregational Church, 38 S. Winooski Ave, Burlington, VT 05401. If you are providing food or gifts, please reply by a.s.a.p. in November. Instructions will be mailed to you.

We ask that all food and gifts be delivered to
First Congregational Church on

Saturday, December 14 between 10:00 a.m. and noon

OR Sunday, December 15 between the 8 and 10 a.m. services.

Thank you!



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Sign-Up Form

Questions? Please call Lucy Samara at First Church, 862-5010, or email her at Lsamara@firstchurchburlington.org.

*If you are providing food or gifts,
please reply as soon as possible during November.*

IMPORTANT: Please print the following information clearly – thank you.

Name (or Group): _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

I wish to support SHARE CHRISTMAS by providing:

- A. **CHRISTMAS DINNER BOX** - Purchase frozen turkey and Christmas dinner groceries for a local family.

Directions and a specific list will be sent to you promptly.

_____ Small family of 2-3 people (approx. \$50)

_____ Medium-sized family of 4-5 people (approx. \$55)

_____ Large family of 6 or more (approx. \$60)

- B. **GIFT** - Approx. \$60 to \$75 per child or disabled adult. Specific instructions for individual children/adults will be sent promptly.

_____ Gifts for 1 _____ Gifts for 2 _____ Gifts for 3

_____ Gifts for 4 _____ Gifts for 5

- C. **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION** - I would like to support SHARE CHRISTMAS with a donation.

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Please make check payable to:



First Congregational Church

Memo: SHARE CHRISTMAS



**Financial Donations to SHARE CHRISTMAS are welcome
and needed throughout November and December.**

Thank you!