

*Please bring Wish-List Gifts to Charity Ball and State Christmas Party or drop off at State Office. Please make all donations thru the State Office.*



MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

## 2010 CHRISTMAS WISH-LIST

My Brother's Keeper is a Christian ministry which annually conducts one of the area's most extensive Christmas programs. Last Christmas we served 2,265 families— 9,175 children and parents!— living in 59 towns and communities ranging from the Greater Boston area to Fall River and the Cape.

Our Christmas program is unique in that all family members will receive at least one gift, including parents. We've learned over the years how important it is for children to see their parents open something on Christmas morning.

The following is a list of frequently requested items which can usually be purchased for \$10-30:

1. MP3 Player (personal)
2. Portable CD / MP3 Player (ie, for a nightstand)
3. Scooter
4. Skateboard
5. Action figures
6. Board games
7. Remote control cars
8. Lego sets
9. Gift cards (Best Buy / Old Navy / Gap)
10. Anything Patriots & Red Sox
11. Sheet sets or Bed-in-a-bag sets
12. Pots & pan sets
13. Cologne
14. Tool Sets (tape measure, screwdrivers, etc)
15. Winter hat & glove sets



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## **CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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Countless churches, schools, businesses, clubs & organizations participate in our Christmas program each year. Their members tell us how good it feels to come together in this special way to help others who are less fortunate. There are a number of ways to participate— some ways require more effort and commitment, some ways require less. Each organization should try to find the right balance between personal involvement and the time & energy its members can realistically invest during the holidays. Here are four main ways to help:

**1. Donate money to support the My Brother's Keeper Christmas effort.**

Our massive Christmas effort incurs significant expense. We rely mainly on in-kind donations but we must still spend more than \$100,000 each year on toys, clothes, hams, turkeys, & gift certificates for Christmas meals. Any money raised would be greatly appreciated.

**2. Be a gift collection site.**

Place a festive collection box in your reception areas inviting your customers or members to donate new, unwrapped gifts.

**3. Collect new gifts— toys, clothes, or store gift certificates— which are not intended for a particular child. (gifts unwrapped.)**

Each member of the organization can purchase one or more gifts not meant for any particular child. The gift must be new but can be appropriate for any age or size. The gifts should be unwrapped and returned to My Brother's Keeper in Easton. Our volunteers will then match the gifts with the most appropriate child. Gifts for teens and adults are always in short supply!

**4. 'Adopt' a family in need. (gifts wrapped.)**

Your organization can 'adopt' one or more families in need. You can select the size and number of families you'd like to sponsor. We will provide you with the family's personal information— first names, ages, clothes sizes, and gift suggestions. Each child should receive at least 3 new gifts and each adult should receive at least 1 new gift. These gifts should be wrapped and returned to My Brother's Keeper in Easton. Our staff and volunteers make the actual delivery.

### **VOLUNTEERING**

Many organizations would also like their members to personally volunteer at My Brother's Keeper in support of our Christmas program. We are happy to have new volunteers but we have limited ability to accommodate groups of volunteers all coming in at the same time. Anyone interested in volunteering as an individual or with your family should contact:

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#### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

*Our Christmas Program kicks off each year with our Annual Gratitude Mass held at our facility in Easton. It is always the Friday night after Thanksgiving at 7:00PM. Last year 700 people attended! We would love to have you join us.*