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Caring is Giving from the Heart

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Dear Friends,

I really like Christmas time; the whole gamut from “tacky” light tours to blessed, sacred rites! But, the wondrous part of this season is the spirit of Christmas. That is the peace and joy, hope and caring that abound in our homes and neighborhoods at this time of year. It is this spirit that makes Chesterfield and Colonial Heights strong, thriving communities. Your generous gifts show the recipients that you care at this tender time. Please CARE and put a smile on a special child’s face, the light of remembrance in a lonely elder’s eye, and food on a struggling family’s holiday table.

The Christmas Mother Committee exists to ensure that, in our communities, no family is without food, no child is without toys, books and clothing, and no elder is forgotten as we celebrate the holidays. Community volunteers have worked countless hours for over forty years to provide our neighbors, struggling families and elders, a special Christmas holiday. However, we cannot achieve our mission without your support. With your generous support last year we helped approximately 4,570 individuals. If you would like to be a part of this effort, there are several avenues you may use:

-  **Sponsor** a family or elder by providing Christmas gifts and a food gift card.
-  **Donate** new toys, clothing and books for children, or gifts for elders.
-  **Contribute** a monetary donation to purchase food gift cards, clothing, toys and books for persons that are not sponsored. United Way donations may be designated for the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Christmas Mother.
-  **Volunteer** your time at the Christmas Center.
-  **Support** one of our fund-raising events (Jingle Run in July and the Live/Silent Auction in November). Details may be found on our website, cchchristmasmother.com.

If you wish to sponsor a family or elder, donate items, or volunteer to help at the Christmas Center, please contact our office at 748-1183 or 751-4657; or you may e-mail the committee at cchchristmasmother@gmail.com beginning October 1. Donations may be sent directly to the address above.

As you prepare for the holiday season, remember your neighbor who is struggling. Please CARE and help make Christmas special for everyone. Thank you!

Merry Christmas!

Bonnie Inge Bell
2018 Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Christmas Mother