

2015 Kids of Promise Christmas Hamper Program

Dear Friends at Teamsters,

It is now 7 Years that Teamsters has partnered with Kids of Promise for our Annual Christmas Hamper Program for families in need!! That is a huge gift to help us prepare the best Christmas Celebration that we can for struggling families! Thank you SO much for partnering with us and believing in the work we do!! Every year is special and unique as several "elves" work together to prepare a wonderful meal the week before Christmas- with door prizes, carols, games and special crafts for the children, as well as a family portrait to take home with them. The families each receive a Christmas Hamper with personally selected gifts for every child, Christmas baking, turkeys and gift cards to purchase the food needed to have a special family Christmas dinner at home. Each year keeps getting better as we learn the art of excellence for this event! We max out our capacity each year with just over 100 persons. This year we will include some Family Fun ideas -including a game they can take home to play together as a family. We want to inspire families to spend more quality time together, so we are including some discussion starters for around the supper table! Research gives evidence that enriching communication time around the table helps to build stronger families.

Our celebration includes families from 2 high-risk schools in the area, the Community Kitchen, a west end family support group, and of course families from our Kids of Promise Creative Arts Academy that reaches underprivileged children whose talent is developed and honed at no charge.

Again, we give credit to Troy Wright, who was part of the inspiration for our Christmas outreach from the beginning and faithfully advocates, making sure that struggling families receive something special for Christmas. And we are blessed by your faithfulness to help us provide a special Christmas for these families each year! Thank you, Teamsters, for your gift of \$1000.00 once again this year!!

May God bless you for your hearts to give to those less fortunate at Christmas.

Kindest Regards,

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