

MISSION SOUTHSIDE

Season of Hope

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Use this advent calendar to heighten your family's awareness of community needs and, in the process, partner with Mission Southside to help meet those needs!

Contribute 5¢ for each toy in your house, OR take one or more new toys to Mission Southside next week to help create HOPE for CHRISTMAS. **1**

Read the Great Commandment: Matthew 22:38-40. Discuss with your family ways to love your neighbors. **2**

In December we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Buy a Birthday Balloon to display in your house, or give to your neighbors with Christmas goodies. **3**

Contribute \$5 for every time your family ate out in the last week. It costs approximately \$5 to fill a weekend backsnack. **4**

Contribute 5¢ for every pair of shoes in your house. Many friends don't have shoes that fit.... let alone choices of shoes. **5**

If you have kids or grandkids, donate \$1 for every sport they have played. Many kids we serve can't afford the physical needed to play sports. **6**

Hats, gloves, socks and underwear are things many kids do without. Consider buying these items to give to your school nurse or Mission Southside. **7**

Deduct \$1.00 for every time you have received an eviction notice. **8**

Contribute \$1.00 for every bedroom you have. Some families have only 1 or 2 bedroom apartments. Sometimes it is a family of 6! **9**

Read Deuteronomy 16:17. At several sites we serve, kids have started giving back by serving neighbors. What can you give? **10**

Contribute \$1 for each coat you own. Many kids and adults don't own ONE coat. Consider giving extra coats to Mission Southside. **11**

Give \$.25 for every piece of fruit in your house. When you can spend \$.57 on one apple OR two Ramen packs, which would you buy to feed your family? **12**

Contribute 50¢ for every electronic item hooked up to wifi in your home. Most families we serve don't have wifi, or electronics! **13**

Imagine sleeping on a cold tile floor with no blanket or pillow? Take the family and pick out a fleece blanket to donate to Mission Southside. **14**

Get everyone in the car and go look at Christmas lights. Then maybe take some hot chocolate to a bell ringer. **15**

Contribute \$1 for every car you own. Imagine depending on others to drive you where you need to go because you don't have a car? **16**

Contribute 10¢ for every ornament on your tree. We take them for granted. Many families ask for them during the Christmas season. **17**

Give \$1.00 for every Bible in your house. Read 1 Thes 2:8. Many people are all alone this time of year. Maybe invite someone over for dinner. **18**

Contribute \$1 for every chair at your dinner table. Many families we serve don't have a table. If they do, there are rarely enough chairs for everyone. **19**

Contribute 50¢ for each doctor visit your family had this month. Many families put off going to the Dr. because they are uninsured. **20**

Count food items in your pantry. If you have more than 50, buy 4 bags of beans and rice to contribute to Mission Southside. We feed kids with no pantry at all! **21**

Contribute 25¢ for every present under your Christmas Tree! **22**

Donate \$2 for each Birthday you celebrate in December. Birthdays are expensive. Some families can't even afford a cake. **23**

Contribute 25¢ for every bed in your house. Many families we serve sleep on the floor or don't have beds. **24**

Read Luke 2:1-14 with whoever is gathered around your tree this year before you open one single gift. **25**



BRING CALENDAR DONATIONS TO MISSION SOUTHSIDE BEFORE DEC 31 TO RECEIVE TAX DEDUCTIONS