



GSES Angel Tree Permission Slip for PDO-8th Grades **Due Friday, November 13, 2020**

All students must bring this signed permission slip to select any ornament from the Angel Tree.

I give permission for my child, _____, to select an ornament for:

____ Mi Escuelita ____ Voice of Hope Ministries ____ Super Santa ____ Any 1 of these options

Parent Signature

Parent Printed Name

THE GSES ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree is a favorite tradition at Good Shepherd and a wonderful opportunity to share in the spirit of giving this holiday season. Like many other things, Angel Tree has been adjusted to continue our goal of helping the community at large while also recognizing the limitations imposed by the pandemic. More specifically, while GSES will collect physical gift donations for both Mi Escuelita and The Voice of Hope Ministries, we will only collect gift cards for donation to The Salvation Army. Should you wish to separately participate in the Salvation Army Angel Adoption, the process will be virtual this year. Please see the attached sheet for additional details.

CHARITY SELECTION

Mi Escuelita - The green "mitten" ornaments represent preschools which provide early childhood education to low income, at-risk children, ages 2½-5 at six Dallas-area locations. These schools teach English to children of all cultures, helping them to thrive in school. Gifts of manipulatives, Play Doh, baby dolls, books, alphabet toys, puzzles, hats, and mittens are requested.

The Voice of Hope Ministries - The red "stocking" ornaments represent the ministries which provide inner-city Dallas children, ages 5 to 16, with strong character models, education/family support services, and life-skills training to become productive Christian citizens. Gifts of sweaters, educational games, sports items, board/video games, or retail store gift cards would be of great help.

Super Santa - The blue "winter hat" ornaments represent needed gift cards to local retail and grocery stores. Your donation gift cards will be used to purchase items for Mi Escuelita, Voice of Hope Ministries, and The Salvation Army. The charities request gift cards from the following: Target, Wal-Mart, Academy, Tom Thumb, Kroger, Albertsons, and Old Navy.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 16-19th – Angel Adoption Day

Please send your child to school with this signed permission slip if you would like them to select an ornament when their class/cohort visits during school.

December 1st & 2nd, 7:30am – 8:15am. Lower School (Kinder-4th Grade) -Gift Return at Kincaid carpool drop off.

Please bring your NEW and UNWRAPPED gifts or gift cards. There will be helpers at am carpool to assist in bringing gifts inside.

December 3rd & 4th, 7:30am-8:15am. PreK & 5th-8th Grades - Gift Return at Middle School carpool drop off.

Please bring your NEW and UNWRAPPED gifts or gift cards. There will be helpers at am carpool to assist in bringing gifts inside.

PDO will be collected at morning drop off December 1-4th

December 8th Celebration of Giving Ceremony

Any questions, please contact Lisa Burduroglu, lisaburduroglu@mac.com, or Bonny Stewart, bonny.stewart.az@gmail.com.



The Salvation Army Angel Tree Program

Angel Tree is a program of The Salvation Army with the intended goal of providing the joy of the Holiday season to impoverished children who would otherwise go without a gift on Christmas morning. The Salvation Army coordinates with social service organizations and schools in the Metroplex to identify children of impoverished families. A family participating in Angel Tree is then connected to our other holistic services and programs to help the family break the cycle of poverty in their lives. Over 51,000 angels are served by Angel Tree every year, and due to the pandemic, we expect this program to provide even more impact to children and families in need. All of this is made possible by amazing organizations, schools, churches, and companies in North Texas.

This year, because of the pandemic, Angel Tree is moving to a digital/online process to make it even safer and easier for families who wish to adopt angels to participate.

Beginning November 9th, please visit www.tsamm.org/angeltree to select “digital” angel tree tags which contain all of the information needed to fulfill a child’s wish.

Between November 9th and December 5th, donors may shop for Angels and then bring the gifts back to The Salvation Army’s various drop-off, drive-thru sites across North Texas. These sites will be provided to the donor when they adopt an angel online. ***Please note, should you choose to adopt an angel from The Salvation Army, please do not bring gifts to Good Shepherd.***

For further information, please contact Lisa Burduroglu (lisaburduroglu@mac.com) or Bonny Stewart (bonny.stewart.az@gmail.com).