

Giving Tree Charities - 2021

ABBA Pregnancy Resource Center is committed to men and women who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy to make wise, informed decisions and to become emotionally sound, physically well and spiritually alive.

Anna Marie's Alliance provides women and their children experiencing domestic abuse with a safe place to stay and resources to eliminate/escape domestic abuse.

Elevate Pregnancy and Family Resource Center (formerly Birthline) is a life affirming nonprofit organization dedicated to helping women and families to choose life and reach their full potential through encouragement, education, and empowerment.

Crisis Nursery offers parents who are experiencing a stressful situation a temporary, voluntary, safe place for children, age infant to 12, whether it is for a few hours or up to 72 continuous hours of care.

Catholic Charities is a non-profit that advances the charitable and social mission of the Diocese of St. Cloud.

- **DOMUS Transitional Housing** provides a temporary home plus support services to women whose lives are in transition. Homeless women with custody of minor children and single women come to DOMUS to make a positive change in their lives.
- **Services for Homeless Youth** includes both the Supported Housing for Youth (SHY) program and the Youth House. These programs help youth ages 16-24 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

CentraCare Monticello Hospital: Mental Health Unit and Dignity Closet

- Mental Health Unit/Emergency Department - For patients that are unable to leave the hospital due to needing prolonged mental health treatment and care.
- Dignity Closet – serves all departments in the hospital.

Open Doors for Youth is a safe and welcoming place that meets the basic and immediate needs of youth and offers services to help them achieve their personal goals.

Rivers of Hope is a non-profit community-based agency offering advocacy, support, and referral services for victims of family violence.

Becker Primary School/Big Lake Elementary School

The Giving Tree

In the spirit of Christ during this season of kindness and generosity a Giving Tree will be offered at Mary of the Visitation. A Giving Tree has been set up at both locations. The ornaments on the trees include a tag that gives the name of a charity and a suggested gift item. The gift suggestions come from a "Wish List" provided by each charity and includes gifts for infants, children, teens and adults as well as items needed by the charity to support their mission.

The charities we are supporting are listed on the back of this sheet.

We will be helping the Monticello Hospital Mental Health Unit and Dignity Closet again this year. Some of their patients may be in the hospital for Christmas. **That means we will need these unwrapped items returned by December 12th. These items will all have a RED tag and should be placed in the RED box.**

Return the UNWRAPPED gifts for the other charities to either campus WITH THE CHARITY TAGS attached. Keep the ornament as a gift. Items can be returned to either church until January 2nd (DECEMBER 12TH FOR THE MONTICELLO HOSPITAL). PLEASE PLACE GIFT CARDS IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR THE DROP BOX.

For those who would like to offer a gift of money, you may place an envelope in the weekly offering marked Giving Tree. The donations of money will be used to help local families in crisis.

Please feel free to take more than one ornament.

Thank You,
Mary of the Visitation Outreach Committee

