



**EAST END COOPERATIVE MINISTRY'S (EECM'S)
2017 HOLIDAY "BERRY" PROGRAM**

This Christmas season, Calvary has committed to helping 72 participants of EECM's largest housing program, Faith Housing (FH). FH provides permanent support to Pittsburgh's East End residents with physical or mental disabilities and their families. Each participant has requested three items: something they **need**, something they **want**, and a **book or calendar**. These requests have been coded onto the individual berries posted in the Parish Hall. These gifts relieve the financial burden on many East End families at Christmas, and brighten their holidays.

Calvary has been a strong supporter of this program, and we request your help again this year. To participate, please:

1. **Choose** one or more berries and **sign them out** on the corresponding sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. For example, FH 16d-1 denotes the first gift for person "d" in family 16.
2. **Wrap each gift** with the berry securely taped to the **outside** (identification code showing); please include a **gift receipt** for clothing or shoes, and **batteries** for any gift that requires them.
3. Bring each wrapped gift to the Parish Hall between **Sunday, Dec. 3 and 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017**. The gifts will be taken to the EECM Community House for delivery to the families on Dec. 12.
4. In addition, we are collecting **\$25 Giant Eagle gift cards** for distribution to families that participate in the EECM Food Pantry program. Gift cards should be dropped off at the Calvary reception desk by **1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10**.
5. A few volunteers are needed to sort and bag the gifts from **noon–2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3 or Sunday, Dec. 10**. We also need at least one volunteer to make reminder phone calls on Sunday afternoon (**Dec. 10**), and about 4 volunteers with hatch-back cars or vans to deliver the gifts to the EECM Community House between **noon and 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12**.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Ros Stone (Roslyn@pitt.edu or 412.781.9329) or John Wilson (jwwbasss1@gmail.com). Thank you for your support of this EECM program!

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