



Oct. 25, 2019

Dear Norwalk Chamber Members,

As the holidays approach, we are looking forward to celebrating with family and friends. For many of us it is a time to show caring for others through the spirit of giving. Each year, Norwalk students, families, churches and businesses have the opportunity to help those that may be experiencing difficult times through Project Santa, our annual holiday service project.

The goal of Project Santa is to help Norwalk families meet basic needs. It is also our hope that we can help to relieve a bit of the worry and stress that families experience during difficult financial times by helping to provide necessity and gift items for each child.

If your family or business would like to participate in this service project by donating items from a wish list, please contact Crystal Ellis, the Norwalk Area Ministerial Association coordinator at chefcellis@msn.com or (515) 491-1241. Donations will be collected by Tuesday, December 10th to be distributed to families prior to winter break.

Monetary donations are also welcome; checks can be made out to the Norwalk Area Ministerial Association with "Project Santa" noted in the memo line. The monetary donations can be dropped off or mailed to:

Norwalk Christian Church
c/o Project Santa
701 Main St.
Norwalk, IA 50211

(office is open Mon-Fri 9:00-noon)

or contact Crystal to pick up. The Norwalk Area Ministerial Association is a non-profit organization (5013C) and can provide a donation letter upon request.

The following is an average suggested guide for donations as per cost of gifts according to the wish lists received. Anything is appreciated.

- To sponsor an elementary child-approx. cost of 5 items=\$100
- To sponsor a teenager-approx. cost of 5 items=\$150
- To assist a family-approx. cost=\$500
- To assist an average family (2 elementary, 1 teen and family needs)=\$900

Thank you very much for considering participation in our holiday service project.
Happy Holidays!

Rev. Travis Stanley, Pastor Norwalk Christian Church and Vice President, Norwalk Chamber
Crystal Ellis, Ministerial Association Coordinator