



## HISTORY

The Spirit of Christmas of Chippewa County, Inc. was organized in 1988 under the Chippewa Falls Clergy Association for the purpose of assisting those in need.

In January 1996, the Spirit of Christmas was incorporated in Wisconsin and became a non-profit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are deductible as provided by law.

The Spirit of Christmas has no paid staff and is made up of volunteers who operate out of donated space. We are dedicated to making the Christmas season a little brighter for families by providing new toys and gift items to Chippewa County residents in need. Children 17 years and younger are our top priority.

The Spirit of Christmas is a separate entity not affiliated with any other organization. However, we work in conjunction with Chippewa County Economic Support, and the Salvation Army. We serve approximately 1,300 children annually.

## SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

### General Gift Distribution

Requested gifts are provided based on the information (age, size, special needs, etc.) of the child provided by the family.

### Sponsor a Family

When requested, we match families with churches, businesses, schools, organizations or individuals who wish to provide gifts, non-perishable food items and/or monetary assistance. Sponsors drop off the gifts for the Spirit of Christmas to distribute.

### Gift Giving Trees

Various organizations set up Gift Giving Trees with tree tags ornaments representing gift wishes from applicants. Patrons and employees select tags and purchase gifts, returning them to the Gift Giving Tree location. Gifts are provided to applicants as part of the General Distribution program.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP!

### Volunteer

- Assist in picking up donated gifts
- Assist in packaging gifts for families
- Assist with gift distribution
- Knit or crochet caps, mittens, scarves, blankets and lap robes
- Serve on various committees

### Gifts or Monetary Donations

- Donate money to purchase gifts
- Provide gifts such as toys, games, books, jewelry, diapers or bedding.
- Purchase clothing such as sweatshirts, under garments, socks and coats.
- Donate yarn for persons knitting or crocheting.



The Spirit of Christmas of Chippewa County WI, Inc. typically meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the months September through February. Check the website for the location and time.

The meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. You do not have to be a member to attend meetings or to volunteer.

There are no membership dues for the Spirit of Christmas. All we ask of our members or volunteers is the donation of their time and talents.

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***Serving those in need since  
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