

# NEWS & NOTES

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## A Spirit of Giving

Scrooge has not been present at Community Ministry this holiday season. This year the Christmas spirit was very evident in the overwhelming response of individuals and businesses willing to adopt our sharing tree children. The school food drives have exceeded any we have had in the past with Kennedy High School and Henry Middle School bringing in over 4,000 lbs. of non-perishable food each. We are starting off our Celebration of the Heart fund raising with several individuals and organizations stepping up to sponsor the event. Overwhelmed, grateful, amazed, thankful – these words barely describe how we feel. May this holiday season find you as blessed as we are and join us in saying like Tiny Tim in [A Christmas Carol](#) “God bless us, everyone”. Joyce Neufeld, Director

## Calendar of Events

December 14 - Sharing tree gifts due  
December 19 - Christmas Food Boxing  
December 21 - Gift and Food Distribution  
December 29 & 30 - Food Bank Remodel  
December 23-Jan 3 - Food Bank Closed  
January 4 – Open for business  
February 7 – Souper Bowl Sunday  
February 27 – Celebration of the Heart

## Online Holiday shopping

Remember to use GoodShop for any of your last minute holiday shopping. It's easy, just go to [www.goodsearch](http://www.goodsearch) and click on GoodShop. You will find all the online shopping links you will need and will be helping Community Ministry as you shop. Several families have already used this online shopping tool and had 3% of their purchase donated to Community Ministry.

We are very excited about for this year's Celebration of the Heart which promises to be the best Celebration yet. If you find items on sale or receive items you can't use for Christmas, consider donating them to our Silent Auction. Let us know if you are interested in helping with planning the celebration. Jerry Docherty, Community Outreach Director

## Ending 2009 and hope for 2010...

As we end 2009 we thank all of you for your support which made it possible for us to...  
...provide more families than ever with Thanksgiving boxes  
... provide more children with Christmas gifts  
...increase the number of volunteers  
...have funding that helped us produce promotional videos that people are seeing all over Colorado.

We are very excited about 2010 upcoming events:

- Changing the food bank design so families will be able to choose their own food items. This will reduce waste and provide a sense of dignity to our clients.
- The best Celebration of the Heart ever on February 27 at El Jebel Shrine Center
- Doing a cultural needs assessment that will help us better serve our clients.

## Help wanted

There are several opportunities for you to volunteer this month – that are a little different than the day to day operations.

December 19 – Food Boxing from 10-11:30 a.m.

December 21 – Food and gift distribution from 8:30 – 2:00 p.m.

December 29 & 30 moving food out, painting, mopping and moving food back into the food bank.

If you or your families want to help on any of these days please call Davida at 303-935-3428 ext 101

WHAT A GREAT TIME TO REMEMBER  
THAT JESUS IS THE REASON FOR  
ALL WE DO! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!