The Giving Tree, an Advent project to assist those in need in our community, has evolved over the years. We are enabling those who wish to shop remotely, two Target registries, with shipment made directly to either UNC Horizons or Orange County Social Services. Also, lists are provided for those who wish to shop "in person".

We will be helping two community agencies this year.

UNC Horizons

The UNC Horizons Program is a substance-use treatment program for pregnant and/or parenting women and their children, including those whose lives have been touched by abuse and violence. It is a program of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at <u>UNC-Chapel Hill</u>. These young moms appreciate being able to choose items from the donations we provide to select items for their children and themselves. Of note, multiple copies of journals were requested for the women to collect ideas on their recovery process.

Wish list:

Legos,train set,magnetic tiles, Board games, hot wheels, infant toys, bath and body sets,diaper bags,night lights,rain coats,boots,umbrellas,wrapping paper, arts and crafts kits: stencils, jewelry,socks, sweatshirts-adult, 2022 wall calendars, journals

https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/ adb7fea0-0e72-11ec-9eb4-b951c6e63f8c

UNC Horizons: 410 N. Greensboro Street, Suite 220, Carrboro NC 27510. (Monday-Friday) COTC Liaison is Gail Cloud (<u>gcloud9034@gmail.com</u>)

Orange County Social Services

Orange County Social Services will hold the annual holiday toy chest program to provide gifts for low-income children birth through 18. More families than ever are requesting help with gifts during this difficult time.

To be eligible for the Orange County Toy Chest, the family must be an Orange County resident, currently receive SNAP (food stamps), Medicaid or Healthchoice benefits.

This year, we hope to focus on children 6-12.

https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/givingtree-1

Orange County Social Services: 113 Mayo St., Hillsborough, NC 27278; 2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill 27516 (Monday-Friday) or

NC Works Career Center at 100 Europa Dr., Suite 101, Chapel Hill

Items requested for children 6-12 and include: arts and crafts, dolls, lotion/nails/body wash, purses/backpacks, board and card games, balls, legos, remote control cars, action figures, books, earbuds/ speakers.

COTC Liaison Karen Taylor. (karen.taylor@unc.edu)

If you wish to donate a gift without using a registry, deliver unwrapped gifts directly to the organization at the addresses above or leave in church library. The deadline is **December 12**.