

# You're an angel!

In the weeks before and around the holidays, our thoughts naturally turn to angels. Despite the rush, the holiday season is a time to reflect on peace and goodwill.

During the holidays, people all around us become angels. Service groups and churches put up angel trees, businesses get involved with helping the most needy. If your group wants to support a family in need, contact Jeff Zeigler at the Texie Camp Marks Children's Center at 562-6806. We can help you find a family in your community.

This is also the perfect time of year to help your children learn about being angels to others. Dorothy Bryant, a site supervisor at the Children's Center, offers these words of wisdom to use with young children:

- "Use nice touches and nice words"
- "When you've picked up your toys, we will share a book together"
- "You are such a good helper when you set the table!"
- "You are a good listener!"
- "I like your hugs and kisses!"

The Children's Center has angel trees at its centers in Franklin, Suffolk, and Smithfield with needs for that Center. Families and friends find the trees a way to help children understand giving to the Center in a more concrete way.

We are blessed to have angels in our midst. Thanks for being an angel to those around you!



## You can contribute to the Children's Center endowment

The Board of Director's of the Children's Center has established a long-term endowment with The Norfolk Foundation, which will protect our children in future generations.

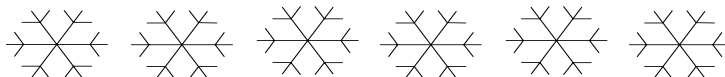
You can contribute to the

Children's Center's Endowment in any amount at any time. There are currently two ways to donate:

1. By check, which can be mailed to: 700 Campbell Avenue, Franklin, VA 23851. Please include "endowment donation" as an

identifier on the check.

2. By debit card or credit card at the Texie Camp Marks Children's Center, 700 Campbell Avenue in Franklin, or the Suffolk Children's Center, 300 Executive Court, Suffolk.



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# The Children's Center

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*Our mission is to nurture and educate children and their families through a professional staff dedicated to enhancing each child's potential with creative, quality programs.*



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## Candlelighting ceremony scheduled for December 13

The annual Bereaved Parents Candle Lighting Ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 13 at the Paul D. Camp Community College Workforce Development Center in Franklin.

The ceremony gives parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends the opportunity to honor the memory of a special child.

Those attending are invited to bring memory items of their loved

ones such as a picture or special memento that represents the life of their child.

The Bereaved Parents Support Group meets at 7:00 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the Texie Camp Marks Children's Center, 700 Campbell Avenue in Franklin. For more information about the ceremony or the bereavement group, call Rosalind Cutchins at the Children's Center at 562-6806, ext. 309.

### Children's Center receives Bank of America Grant

The Children's Center has received a 2009 Neighborhood Builder Award from Bank of America Charitable Foundation.

The award includes a \$200,000 unrestricted grant over two years and leadership training through Bank of America.

