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Sponsor a family this holiday season

The Boys' and Girls' Brigade Christmas Giving program is in full swing as volunteers begin organizing gift donations to deliver to disadvantaged families Dec. 22.

Although they're off to a great start, there are still many families in need.

This year, 472 financially disadvantaged families are in need of assistance to make their child's Christmas memorable. Children from the Cities and Townships of Neenah and Menasha, from birth through high school, are referred to the Brigade from schools, human services, churches, health departments and various community youth organizations.

Families that are enrolled in the Christmas Giving program at the Boys' and Girls' Brigade are adopted by sponsoring families, businesses, or groups. Every child enrolled in the program has a wish list providing their age, gender, clothing size, and suggested gifts.

Sponsors have the joy of playing Santa, providing their adopted families with items from their wish list. Nearly half of the families enrolled this year are adopted, says Wendy Mikolanz, Brigade Christmas Giving Coordinator. However, they'd like to see another 100 families adopted.

To ensure that the 1400 children enrolled have gifts to open on Christmas, general donations are accepted for children ages newborn to 18. In particular, sporting goods and gifts for teenage clients are in high demand, says Mikolanz.

The program is also accepting yarn, gift-wrapping supplies, and batteries of all sizes.

For more information regarding donations, sponsoring a family, or volunteering, please call the Boys' and Girls' Brigade Christmas Giving office at 920-725-3211.