



Garden Oaks Gazette

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Merry Christmas

IT IS CHRISTMAS TIME!!!! *by Rick Englert*

Christmas is that time of year that we truly demonstrate our love for our fellow neighbors/man by reaching out to those who need our love, our care, our compassion, our prayers and our assistance. For the last 12 years, we have sponsored needy families during the Christmas season.

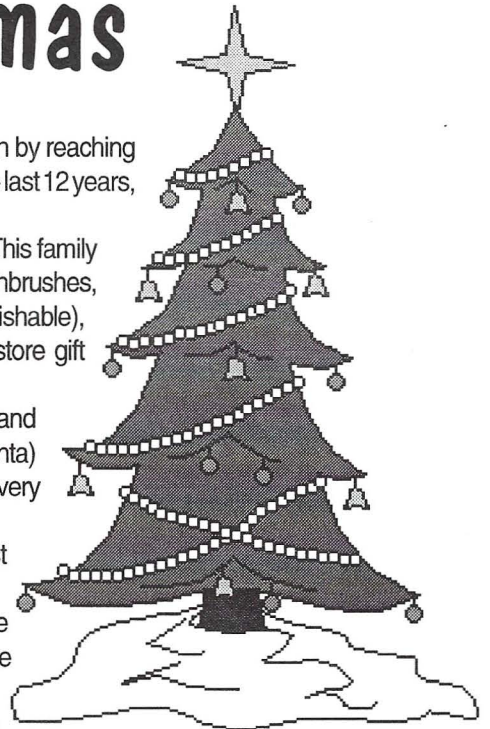
Attached is a list of this year's family (10 of them) with their names, ages and clothing sizes. This family is in desperate need of our most basic requirements, i.e. food, clothing, shoes, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, towels, blankets, sheets, pillows, pots, pans..... We accept food (preferably non-perishable), clothing and money. With the money, we buy additional food, clothing, gifts and grocery store gift certificates.

We and all of the Elves work most of Christmas Eve day getting all of the packages together and wrapped. Then around 6:30 p.m., we load up everything and play Santa Claus (along with Santa) and deliver the gifts to so, so, so, so many little wide open, beautiful eyes of the children. (The delivery takes about one hour).

We do this for the children!!! We can not allow their young dreams to be crushed. They must continue to believe!!!

Please help us and join us for one of those feelings that stays with you all year!! May God continue to bless you and yours and have an excellent Christmas. Let us continue to remember the true meaning of Christmas, "the reason for the season" and be a sign of His Love.

Come on Garden Oaks and show that you do care. This is your one and only notice. Please call the Englerts (Daria, Trey or Rick @ 864-TREY) if you need any assistance in picking up your gifts, if you want to help wrap gifts or if you just want to join us Christmas Eve.



Garcia Family	Sex	Age	Pants/ Jeans	Shirt	Shoes Sweaters	Coat/	T-Shirts Dress	Skirt/
Pablo	M	35	36X31	L	9	XL	XL	
Rosalinda	F	34	6-8M	M	6	L	L	7-8
Pablo, Jr.	M	12	12R	L14-16	5	L	L	
Mike	M	12	11R	L14-16	4.5	L	L	
Candido	M	11	11R	L14-16	3.5	L	L	
Amado	M	10	7S	M-12	2.5	M	L	
Rosalinda	F	9	8-9	7/8	13	M	L	8-9
Gregorio	M	7	6-7M	M	0	12	M	
Pete	M	6	6-7M	S-M	9	12	M	
Rarmior	M	5	S-M	S-M	8.5	S	M	

Pablo Jr. and Mike attend Hogg Middle School and they can wear any style of clothes. Candido through Pete attend Harvard Elementary and they wear white polo shirts with navy blue shorts or pants. Rosalinda wears navy blue shorts, skirt of jumper along with white blouses/polo shirts. They could all use extra sets of outfits.

They have water and electricity, but no heat. They have four blankets and bunk beds. So, bedding articles would be very appropriate. Cooking wise, they could use large pots and pans, along with a large skillet. They use plastic silverware and the kids keep breaking the plates. You would be totally astonished at their home. It might be four rooms, at the most! The mother does not drive and neither parent can read or write Spanish or English. The family receives assistance from the government agencies as well as from All Saints Catholic Church pantry. This family could really use our help!! Now, it is up to you and your turn to help others this Christmas!!

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FROM THE EDITOR

I couldn't do a story on the Exxon proposal without including my personal opinion, so I am making it a part of my last editorial as Editor of the Garden Oaks Gazette.

The minutes report for the November meeting shows that a committee (Rich Stark, Ed de Alba, Kim McMath) is negotiating with Exxon. President Ed de Alba and Committee Chairman Rich Stark reported on their negotiations. During these negotiations, (de Alba reported), Exxon implied that they could take us to court and win if the variance to sell alcohol was denied. Exxon's argument being that Taco Cabana and Gabby's were given variances, so why not them? Since Exxon claims to be a good neighbor, I was concerned by their remark.

I wrote to Helen Huey, our city council representative, and asked her to check with the City Attorney's Office to see if Section One residents voted no on the variance question, would these residents have any protection from the city? Mrs. Huey replied (by phone) that her office would support the deed restrictions, and if necessary petition the Mayor to lodge a protest. She said she would forward my question to the City Attorney. She also gave me examples of where neighborhoods buy commercial property and then sell it to developers for residential use.

What this means to me, is that if I want to vote "No", I won't be intimidated into voting "Yes".

As for the \$1000.00 Exxon will contribute to the Constable Program, compare that to the \$600.00 the Garden Oaks Baptist Church gives. Is this a good deal? I don't think so.

I checked with Susan McMillian, Garden Oaks Board of Trustees President, about who gets to vote on this issue. She said it would be limited to Section One residents only.

I'm sure there will be a lot more said on this issue in the months to come, but that's all I have to say on it for now.

As for being the editor and an officer, I appreciated the opportunity to serve. I am pleased that the membership saw fit to approve my proposed Bylaw changes, and I hope that the changes remain positive. To the incoming president, I hope he reads and understands the

Bylaws, and runs the Civic Club according to their intent. This makes it possible for different personalities to work together for a common cause... the enhancement of Garden Oaks. As long as I'm wishing and hoping, how about some Roberts Rule of Order too?

To the new editor I recommend attending every membership meeting possible, to be able to report on the affairs of the club and to make sure the minutes and budgets are accurate before being published.

Thanks for all the encouraging words and the cooperation I've received. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a great new year!

Alex Martinez

CITIZEN'S PATROL

By Carl Waters, Jr.

The recent rise in the crime stats for our area has been traced by HPD to gang members who have relocated into the apartments just north of our community. At least one gang member was arrested when an area resident apprehended him.

There were 8 crimes reported for the month of October as follows:

Assault

3200 block of Lawrence 9/26/96

6 Burglaries

700 block Azaleadell 9/4/96

700 block W. 42nd 9/23/96

700 block W. 43rd 9/23/96

700 block Sue Barnett 9/30/96

800 block W. 34th 9/11/96

800 block La Monte 9/13/96

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle

1300 block Sue Barnett 9/12/96

Last month two of the charter members of the Citizen Patrol group, who have over 800 hours of patrolling between them announced they were hanging up their signs.

The Holiday season is upon us again. Please be careful when shopping, and around the house with seasonal safety hazards. If you have a fresh cut Christmas Tree make sure you cut an inch or so off the end of the trunk so it does not dry out quickly and water it daily. Don't overload outlets or extension cords to light up your tree or your home. And of course make sure you leave out plenty of milk and cookies for that midnight visitor on the 24th. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year. See you next year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My last message as President. Bennett Bartlett was elected President by acclamation on November 5. Craig Lee, Lynn Sievers, and Ray Housley return as Vice President-Membership, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Sheila Briones and Carol Smith step up to Editor of the Gazette replacing Alex Martinez who, like me, is retiring. It is very gratifying to leave Garden Oaks in such capable hands and with people who will actively pursue the betterment of our community.

I'm proud of our record. And I'm proud of and grateful to the people that made it all possible. We completed several tasks on the list and are well positioned for many others this next year. Thanks to all of you our community gets better, more active, and more in tune each year.

Ed de Alba

DECEMBER CIVIC CLUB MEETING

On Tuesday, December 3rd at 7 PM the Civic Club will have their annual Covered Dish Event. Very little of a business meeting, farewell to the previous Civic Club President and Editor and introduction of the 1997 Officers. This meeting is a social function and a covered dish event. Rich Englert will cook fried turkeys and teriyaki beef. Each attendee is asked to bring the following - if your last name begins with A-F bring appetizers, G-L covered vegetables, M-R desserts, and S-Z bread. It is requested that residents also bring a canned good. These donations will provide a Holiday Basket for an area needy family. We will be singing Christmas Carols with a live pianist and getting in the mood of the season.

ATTENTION SMOKERS!!!

We need your empty cigarette packages and anybody else's who don't save them. Call your friends and relatives for us. Nowadays, the cigarette companies pay you to smoke. The All Saints Catholic Senior High Youth Group save them for clothing and merchandise. Please call Rick Englert at 864-8739 or drop them by 519 West 32nd. By the way, none of our Youth smoke! Thank you in advance, God Bless and may we continue to be a sign of His Love.



NEWS FLASH FROM THE NORTH POLE!

Santa is coming! Tuesday and Wednesday, December 17th and 18th, Santa will fly in and join us at the Gazebo in the Park at 42nd and Sue Barnett between 7:00 and 9:00 PM. So....for those of you who've been naughty - Shape Up! There's still time.

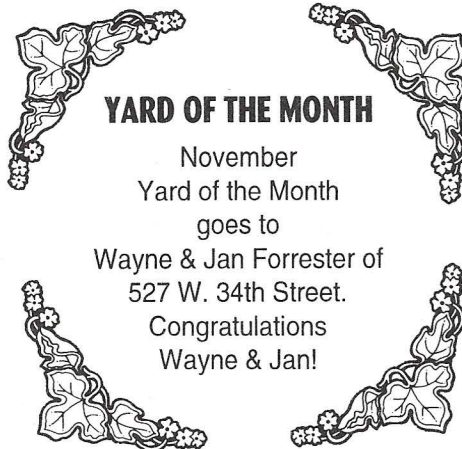
One last item. We're having a cleanup day in the Art Park at 43rd and Sue Barnett on Saturday, December 7th starting at 9:00 AM. Please give us a hand, there's plenty of work for everyone.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

GARDEN CLUB

The December Garden Club meeting will be held at the home of Lynn Sievers, 851 LaMonte on Thursday, December 12th. The regular meeting agenda will be replaced by a holiday party and gift exchange. Regular speaker programs will resume in January.

Make plans to join other Garden Oaks residents on Saturday, Dec. 7th at 9:00 A.M. for a gardening work day at the Art Park, W. 43rd St. and Sue Barnett. We need all the volunteers we can get!! Please call Brenda de Alba for information (423-7137 or 694-5934).



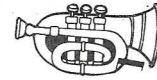
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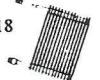
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G.O. CAROLING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 by Audrey Vallance

"Here we come a caroling among the leaves so green . . ."

Friday, December 13 will be our third annual G.O. Caroling benefit for the Loving Arms Foundation. Please use the "Wish List" attached to the grocery sack delivered to you on Saturday, December 7 by one of our volunteers and pack your donated items in the bag. Carolers will be on your block between 7 - 9 p.m. filling the night air with the melodious sounds of holiday music. When a caroling group passes by your home, we ask that you bring your donation outside to the waiting vehicle and enjoy listening to your neighbors and friends as they lift their voices in song. If you can't be home and wish to make a donation, please leave your bag in a spot which can easily be seen from the street and remember to turn on a porch light. If you prefer to arrange for an early pickup, please contact Jay Slemmer at 956-0465. All donations to Loving Arms are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the IRS.



Of course, it's also not too late for you to join us in caroling. Contact Tina Sabuco at 692-6778 or 699-9933 to let us know you're coming, or just come by the Fellowship Hall at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (corner of 43rd and Shepherd) between 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. and we will put you with a group and caroling route (no experience required, bring your own flashlight). Don't forget the block challenge issued by the "Angels of Azalea" — prizes will be awarded to Most Multi-Generational, Most Creative and Largest Group!

In the event of rain, please bring your donation to Fellowship Hall between 7 and 9 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by caroling groups and the piano students of Kenneth J. Santos. Refreshments will be provided by Prince Street Market (coffee), and Doyles Restaurant (sandwiches). We also wish to thank our other sponsors: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church for hosting the event; Office Depot on Kirby for fulfilling our photocopying needs; Brooks Mays Piano Max for providing a digital piano; Thrifty Car Rental for the use of a van; Watson Moving and Storage for boxes; OD's Printing for collating the flier in the Gazette; and Fiesta Mart on Shepherd for donating the grocery bags. No matter how involved you choose to be, we ask that you have fun, enjoy the music, and make the most of the holidays! For more information, contact Audrey Vallance at 686-0707 or Jay Slemmer at 956-0465. (You will also see some of the G.O. Carolers at the December Civic Club meeting where they will be providing entertainment. Don't miss this one!)

"...Love and joy come to you and to you your wassail too, and we bless you and send you a happy new year . . ."

WOMENS SOCCEER - PLAYERS NEEDED

Are you tired of always being a spectator and never a player? Do you want to have fun and get in shape at the same time? If so, then womens soccer is for you. A group of women have started playing soccer Sunday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. at the Northwest YMCA. All skill levels from novice to expert are welcome! The only catch is you must be female and over 30 years old. For more information call Anne Ness at 680-2377 or Karen Benson at 697-2566. Hope to see you on Sunday!!!

RECYCLE THIS GAZETTE!

LEAD IN YOUR HOME

Lead pipes used in ancient Rome are still intact today. Many scholars now believe that the heavy use of lead by the Roman citizens contributed to the low birth rate, strange behavior and subsequent fall of their empire. A frustrated Ben Franklin realized the effects of lead in painters and printers of his day, but could not convince the public of his observations. A recent study by Dr. Herbert Needleman linked elevated lead blood levels with delinquent and anti-social behavior in Pittsburgh boys. Unfortunately, the lead problem has been with us a long time, and it won't go away on its own.

Children are at the heart of the threat since even low levels of lead can result in behavioral problems, learning disabilities, and even permanent brain, nervous system and kidney damage. Lead exposure before or during pregnancy can also alter fetal development and cause miscarriages.

Paint is not a stable medium for lead. Lead is hazardous like asbestos, but unlike asbestos, it is used on friction areas like windows and doors. The friction of these areas act to produce a hard-to-see film of dust that can contain lead. In its dust form, lead is better able to be introduced to a young child's respiratory or digestive system. Improper cleaning or renovation frequently makes the problem much worse by dispersing fine lead dust particles in the air and over accessible household surfaces. If managed improperly, both adults and children can receive hazardous exposures by inhaling the fine dust or by ingesting paint dust during hand-to-mouth activities.

This year there are new requirements for the sellers and landlords of housing built before 1978. On Sept. 6, owners of more than 4 residential properties were affected and on December 6 all sellers and landlords of pre-1978 residential property become affected. Simply put, sellers or renters must disclose the presence of known lead based paint or hazards to buyers or tenants. In addition they must distribute the federally approved lead hazard information pamphlet, Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home, as well as, attach a Lead Warning Statement

and get a signed acknowledgment before selling or leasing a residence. (The required federal form is available from the Texas Real Estate Commission's fax-on-demand service. Call 512-419-1623 and enter code 66000004 from your fax machine and hang up. The federal pamphlet can be obtained from the National Lead Information Clearinghouse at 800-424-LEAD.)

Buyers have a 10 day opportunity to get a Lead Inspection before they are obligated to buy. A qualified Lead Inspector will be Certified by the Texas Dept. of Health and use an XRF (X-ray fluorescence) instrument. The XRF method is totally quantitative, nondestructive, covers a large number of surfaces, is very accurate and is HUD and EPA approved. An XRF inspection is needed to notify the concerned homeowners exactly where the lead is. An adequate Risk Assessment should include an XRF Inspection since Risk Assessments concern themselves with visual observation, habits of occupants and dust sampling.

Today's home buyer must be better informed than ever in order to make such an important decision. Special liability risks for landlords are on the rise as public awareness increases. The good news is, there are trained professionals to bring the truth to light.

Jeffrey A. Smith
Garden Oaks Resident

CONSTABLE PROGRAM UPDATE

The second installment payments are due. Please use the form on page 6 of this Gazette to mail with your check.

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CIVIC CLUB DUES

Garden Oaks dues are due for 1997. While the civic club's current cash position is relatively strong, there are many programs that the Civic Club would like to provide if it were truly well funded. Programs like paid landscaping of public areas, ongoing support to educational and community programs. We could fund full-time security patrol through all sections of Garden Oaks.

We could greatly improve the parks. Would you like a community pool? Better tennis courts? More information in the *Gazette*?

The household dues are \$10 per year. Not much to be sure. They need to be raised sometime in the near future. But for now it's \$10 and that doesn't go very far. That's why we request that you add a little extra to provide more support for our programs including beautification, education, gardening, GO-COP civic patrol, the plant co-op, and, of course, the *Gazette*. Your extra contribution help us greatly to absorb costs of these programs. It also helps us maintain the recycling program. The \$10 dues alone would not cover all of these expenses.

Please send \$10 for dues and \$30 additional assistance to the civic club for your 1997 dues. If your are a "senior citizen," the annual dues are \$5 per family. The dues are due. There is an envelope included in this Gazette for your convenience. Detach the dues form below and send it with your contribution in the envelope. And, if you want, add a note and tell me what else the dues can do for you. Thank you for your contribution.

Craig Lee

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Year moved to Garden Oaks: _____ Section #: _____ Paying Dues for: 19_____

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GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB MINUTES NOVEMBER 5, 1996

President Ed DeAlba opened the meeting by mentioning that the main business items for the meeting would be election of 1997 officers, the covered dish dinner for the December meeting and the Bylaw amendments proposed by Alex Martinez.

The Central Bank is opening new branches in the area. The first location is the old NationsBank on Shepherd and the next one will be at TC Jester and 18th Street.

Area kids have participated in a "Peaceworks" Quilt Project displayed starting November 9 at the Museum of Fine Arts.

Community Business Exxon Rich Stark heads a committee to negotiate the best deal possible with Exxon. Other committee members are Ed deAlba and Kim McMath. The problems are traffic flow, noise and possible vagrancy. There is no entrance planned off 30th St. There will be a 15' sign next to the freeway. The food franchise has not been determined yet. Exxon will contribute \$1,000 per year to the constable program. Craig Lee mentioned that the ongoing negotiations might include Exxon buying the lots to the North of the proposed station. It will be up to Exxon and Trammell Crow Real Estate to come up with the petitions to get a variance to the deed restrictions. The petition would need the signatures of more than 50 percent of the homeowners in Section 1 (one house, one vote). Exxon may be back in December. If so, the separate meeting will be for Section 1 residents only and will be held away from the Garden Oaks Baptist Church.

Education Jane Ann Roberts talked about the Garden Oaks Elementary Fall Festival and Auction on November 10. The auction list was passed out. She recognized Rick Englert for cooking at the pancake breakfast and helping with the auction. The school was recently recognized in Texas Monthly magazine.

There will be a fund-raiser February 14, 1997. It will be a one man play, Chris Drake playing John Henry Faulk, at the Main Street theater. Tickets will include the play, Champagne, hors d'oeuvres and a dessert buffet. The school is also participating in the Kroger share program, where 1% of purchases are contributed to education.

Graham Park Andrea Spiering thanked all those who sent letters to Councilwoman Huey and the parks department. The park should be complete by the end of November.

Home Tour Laura Morgan reported that the committee has already met and are preparing letters to send to potential home tour homeowners. More volunteers are needed for the April 27 event. The goal is to get the neighborhood Realtors involved to have open houses during the tour. The Montessori program will be a focus of the funds raised.

GO Cop Carl Waters reported that there have been 31 crimes in Garden Oaks that have been reported to the Houston Police Department in 1996. 10 in Sec. 1, 9 in Sec. 2, 2 in Sec. 3, 4 in Sec. 4, 1 in Sec. 5 and 5 in Garden Oaks Plaza. There has been some gang activity. Gang graffiti reporting forms were passed out.

Gazette Alex Martinez reiterated that the deadline is the 10th of each month.

Programs Terry Jeanes said that she had positive feedback from the candidates at the October meeting. They know the residents who stayed for the forum are serious and are knowledgeable of the issues important to this area, such as a sound wall and commercial encroachment.

New Business President DeAlba moved on to the 1997 officer elections. The presidential candidates were not published in last month's Gazette. The slate was: VP, Membership, Craig Lee; Secretary, Lynn Sievers; Treasurer, Ray Housely; and 2nd VP and Gazette Editor, Sheila Brionnes, assisted by Carol Smith.

Ed asked for nominations from the floor for these positions. There were none. A motion to accept the slate was made and seconded, and the slate was accepted by acclamation.

The two candidates for president were Rob Stanche and Bennett Bartlett. Rob withdrew. No nominations were forthcoming from the floor. A motion to accept Bennett Bartlett was made and seconded and he was elected by acclamation.

By-law changes Alex Martinez published proposed by-law changes in last month's Gazette. These changes would state that the minutes of each meeting would be published in the next month's Gazette and that the budget would be published in the Gazette each year. After discussion, a motion to vote was made and seconded and the majority were in favor of the by-law changes.

December meeting The civic club meeting will be a covered dish supper. It was suggested that residents with last names beginning A-F bring appetizers, G-L covered vegetables, M-R desserts, and S-Z bread. Rich Englert will cook fried turkeys and roast sirloin. \$100 will be provided by GOCC to cover the costs of the meats. Each attendee is asked to bring a canned or staple food good for an area food pantry. Musical entertainment will be provided by the GO Carolers.

Announcements

There will be a work day at the Art Park on December 7, starting at 9:00 A.M.

Kermit Foster, Rick Englert and Craig Lee were thanked for repairing the subdivision signs.

Mark Neff thanked Ed De Alba for his work as president.

Refreshments were provided by Terry Jeanes and ReMax Metro.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Civic Club Meeting 7 PM	4	5	6 Hanukkah	7 Art Park Clean Up 9 AM
8	9	10	11	12 Garden Club Meeting 6:30 PM	13 GO Caroling Night	14 Recycling 8-11 AM
15	16	17 <i>Heavy Trash</i> Santa at 42nd Street Gazebo 7-9 PM	18 Santa at 42nd Street Gazebo 7-9 PM	19 PIP Meeting	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
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3rd Annual G.O. CAROLING

A Garden Oaks' Subdivision Community Project

Garden Oaks will echo with the sounds of holiday music on Friday, December 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. when over 100 participants take to the streets in heartfelt song. Participants will include members of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, the Houston Grand Opera Chorus, Heartsong, Prudential Premiere Properties, Waltrip High School Chorus, and other area organizations, churches and caring individuals.

For the third year, this cherished community event will benefit the Loving Arms Foundation, the only non-profit organization designed to fill the gaps of the pediatric population infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. All services at the Foundation are provided free of charge to their clients. The heart of Loving Arms Foundation is their day care center.

Previously, Garden Oaks' residents have given generously to this wonderful organization by donating enough diapers, baby wipes, baby food and other items to keep the shelves stocked for several months. In exchange for your donation, residents are treated to seasonal music provided by carolers.

Please clip the list on this flyer and place your items in the grocery bag you received. When a caroling group comes by your home, bring your donation out to the street and enjoy our musical gift to you. If you would like to make arrangements for an early pick-up of your donation, please contact Jay Slemmer at 956-0465. All donations to Loving Arms Foundation are tax deductible to the extent allowed under IRS rules.

Of course, you may also join us on Friday, December 13 for caroling or bring your donation to the Fellowship Hall at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. For more information, contact Audrey Vallance at 686-0707.

RAIN PLANS: In the event of rain, bring your donation to the Fellowship Hall between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. and join us for refreshments and entertainment.

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Infant & Baby Needs

- Diapers (Large & Pull-ups)
- Baby Powder, Lotion & Wipes
- Desitin
- Baby Food (no cereal)
- Baby Juices/Drink Boxes
- Formula (Similac with Iron)
- Fitted Crib Sheets
- Latex Gloves (all sizes)

Classroom Needs

- Cassette Tapes (children's stories/music)
- Educational Videos
- Glitter (all colors)
- Children's Stickers
- Gift Certificates - Southwest Teacher's Supply

Dietary/Kitchen Needs

- Paper Plates
- Paper Cups
- Paper Towels
- Plastic Silverware
- Party Supplies
- Can Foods (Institutional size)

Housekeeping Needs

- Bathroom Tissue
- Kleenex
- Clorox
- Dish Soap & Hand Soap (Antibacterial)

Invest in your future! Adopt-a-Student at Garden Oaks Elementary

Give an hour of your time, one or two days a week, to work one-on-one tutoring a student in reading, mathematics, and/or writing.

For further information contact
Cynthia Moore at 696-2930.

**The future you save
might just be your own.**

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