

## CHRISTMAS CARE: AN EVENT FOR EVERYONE

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What can you do at Christmas Care? Sunday evening, December 20, we will conduct our annual Christmas Care project. Every week of the year we conduct our Care Building ministry to help needy families. But we have this event once a year. It is Care Building on steroids. Much work and abundant resources go into this ministry. But is it exciting, fun and rewarding, and it pleases our Lord Jesus Christ for us to do this kind of thing. He said, *“Indeed I say this to you: As far as you have done these kindnesses to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it to me.” (Matthew 25:40)*

1. You can help. We do it together. Everybody, even you. It is not something that the church does, and you hear about it or watch. It is something we all do together.
2. Give to Christmas Care. Give money to buy food and gifts. Buy food and gifts and bring them. Christmas Care gives all of us a chance to help people in our church and community, many of whom we do not even know, to have plenty of food and some gifts for the children to enjoy the Christmas season the way we all want to enjoy it.
3. Offer to help with one of the many jobs we have as we do this together. We need people to help assemble bags full of food, wrap gifts, host the folks who show up to receive the things we are giving, help give out food and gifts, carry things to people's cars, and clean up afterwards. Some of these jobs are done in advance of Christmas Care. The fellowship and activity as we do these things together is as rewarding as the event itself.
4. The real event comes together Christmas Care evening. Regardless of how much or how little you are able to do in advance, **we need every TRCOC member present Sunday evening**. In addition to the many assignments, the congregational activity takes place in the gym starting about 5:30 p.m. We want EVERYBODY to be a part of that. There will be singing, refreshments, Santa, and fellowship going on, as well as our guests coming through in groups for us to meet and welcome them. Be part of this joyous and rewarding ministry.