



**92 SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!!** It may seem too early to be thinking about Christmas and the holiday season, but the Project Joy committee is in full swing planning and preparing for this years Christmas store.

Last year businesses, churches, schools, individuals, and community organizations generously supported Project Joy by contributing toys, gift cards, clothes and monetary donations which enabled us to fill a store for holiday shopping. During the 2015 holiday season, Project Joy provided gifts to over 650 children in Brookings County.

With your support we will be able to stock another incredible holiday store for children and families in need. Once again, we are asking individuals, businesses, and organizations to be creative in their method of raising funds and collecting toys for local children.

A gift drive is an excellent way to get your organization in the holiday spirit while helping some children in need. Gift drives provide people in your organization complete freedom to select what they want without any guidelines. You may also want to consider doing challenges within departments, allowing employees to wear jeans on Friday if they bring a toy, offering discounts to customers who bring in a new toy, or hosting an employee luncheon where employees bring a toy as admission to the event. These are just a few suggestions, the possibilities are endless! Be creative and have fun!!

We will happily accept gifts for children of all ages. Checks, money orders, gift certificates, and gift cards in any amount are always welcome – especially for children 13 to 18 years of age! Remember, your donations are tax deductible and we will provide you with a receipt if needed.

Brookings Radio has agreed to be a drop off location. Unwrapped gifts may be delivered during regular business hours Monday through Friday. A Best Choice moving van will be parked in the lot to make delivery of gifts easy for you and your organization. The deadline for gift drop off is **Wednesday, December 7**. The store will be open to families December 10 & 11.

Please take a moment to fill out the information at the bottom of this letter and drop it in the mail so we know if we can count on your support. Project Joy is committed to bringing smiles and happiness to children and families in need! If you need additional information, please contact Julie Wermers at 697-6106.

In advance, thank you to everyone who so generously help the children and families served by Project Joy!

**Project Joy Committee**

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**YES! We want to help.....**

We will donate new toys

We will contribute monetary donations or gift cards

We will organize a toy drive

We are not sure how we will participate,  
please contact us

Organizations Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to:  
**Project Joy**  
**PO Box 8113**  
**Brookings, SD 57006**

**Thank You!**