



Christ Church
"To seek and serve Christ in all persons..."



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To

On Saturday, December 5th Christ Church will hold its annual St. Nicholas Fair. We are hoping that your organization will provide us with an in-kind, tax deductible donation that can be sold or auctioned at the Fair. Your item(s) will serve as an advertisement for you as all donors are recognized in the Fair materials, in the various booths, on our end-of-Fair Bulletin Board, and wherever donations are utilized. We know that it is harder times for all of us, but that is why we think it is critical to do this as *all* the funds raised go out into the community.

The Fair involves many hours of hands-on work by our members and includes crafts, food items, a luncheon, a Silent Auction, children's activities, "nearly new" items, games, carol singing and fellowship. The *entire* income raised is dispersed throughout the year. About 70% of the money remains local and goes to charities which include the Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group, the ACCESS agency, the Battered Women's Shelter, Hospice, ARC of Quinebaug Valley, Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, Day Kimball Hospital, Deary Fund and the Community Kitchen program. We also maintain overseas connections with organizations such as Americares, Heifer Project International, Unicef and Doctors without Borders. As a church we are also able to help specific individuals and families in ways that larger organizations cannot. Many of the agencies who receive grants are secular in character and *all* disperse aid without regard to religious affiliation or belief.

The St. Nicholas Fair income represents about half of our total grant monies for the year which are usually in excess of \$20,000. Essentially your donation (or the income raised by your item) is matched by the giving of our congregation out of their own yearly pledges.

We thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness in this appeal as well as your past contributions. We hope you can stop by on the day.

On behalf of the church,

The Rev. David M. Carter, Rector

P. S. Please contact me if you have any questions in regard to this appeal. Thanks.
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