

# T&E Care Holiday Drive under way; 67 families to get help

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The T&E Care Holiday Drive began this week. The organization estimates that more than 67 local families in need will be getting some kind of assistance as the holiday season gathers momentum.

T&E Care is "a network of people providing financial and other material assistance to persons in need in and around the Tredyffrin and Easttown townships area," its website says. Started in 2005 in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, its initial outreach was to Gulf Coast families who had relocated in the area. Today it helps families make a rent payment or pay a utility bill, helps people find a job or get medical attention or le-

gal advice, or makes it possible for students to have a computer or for their families to enjoy a holiday meal.

"According to Sandi Gorman, T&E Care president, "We do a lot. With so much going on these days — it's hard to know where to even start. Everyone is starting to get ready for the holidays themselves."

"This year we have so far 67 local families needing assistance (with more still expected), and additional toys to get for the Winter Wonder program," Gorman says in her introduction to the organization's press release. "This is an increase from last year — so help is definitely needed. As in the past you can offer to sponsor a whole family, one individual in a family, or just an item or two. The wish

list can be found at <http://www.tecare.org/holiday-drive2012.html>. Instructions and drop-off locations are also found there."

Contributors are reminded to always send in a desired donation offer to [holidays@tecare.org](mailto:holidays@tecare.org), then wait before going shopping to get a confirmation. As offers to help are confirmed, volunteers cross them off

the website listing. Running the program this year are Lisa Christy, Melody Ticknor and Pat Clark.

The website also lists all the groups that are helping T&E Care this year.

In addition to its holiday drive T&E Care holds a Fall Fest fundraiser and auction.

Holiday dinner plans include volunteer cooks and donations for eight Thanks-

giving dinners and then eight Christmas dinners for a different group of families. Aimee Ducasse and Jim Battista are coordinating that effort at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Devon.

In addition to holiday meals and gifts, T&E Care also takes care of family needs on an ongoing basis and also funds a college assistance program through

its T&E Care TD Bank Affinity Program. The organization reports "over 20 kids currently getting financial assistance in their college journey, and another 30 having been interviewed for possible support upon graduation this spring." Information about the program is at [www.tecare.org/tecarefundraisers/tdbankaffinityprogram.html](http://www.tecare.org/tecarefundraisers/tdbankaffinityprogram.html).

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