



# Operation Good Cheer



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## ***2003 Breaking Records!***

Operation Good Cheer has the opportunity to work with 38 private non-profit agencies in 2003. Preliminary figures are overwhelming; an estimate of more than 4,500 children will look to Michigan's citizens to provide them with lasting Christmas memories. Each year these children, youth, and adults with disabilities are so grateful for all the joy you provide.

We have been working closely with the programmers for the Operation Good Cheer Database. Any difficulties we had last year have been fully resolved, and the program is working better than we ever expected it to. At this time no changes have been planned for the Operation Good Cheer Wish Lists.

We have made one change regarding the labeling of children's gifts. We have always in the past included a sheet of labels for gift sorting and tracking. This year you will notice an additional sheet of labels with green numbers. This additional label should be placed on each gift as well as the original distribution label. These labels will assist with the sorting and tracking of gifts. If you have a small gift that can only fit one label on each side, please use one of each. It's very important to make sure each gift has at least one if not two of each label. If anyone has any questions regarding this, please contact our office.

When purchasing gifts this year, please realize you do not need to purchase all gifts, and may substitute an item requested if you would like. Each child has the opportunity to ask for one item that is valued at more than \$60. An explanation in the "comments" section of the Wish List should explain why this gift is important to the child. But please remember you don't need to purchase any gift that makes you uncomfortable. The children who participate in Operation Good Cheer appreciate everything they receive.

## ***Big Gifts For 2003***

- Bikes
- Harry Potter Items
- Gameboy Advanced
- CD Walkmans
- Video Game Units
- Board Games

## ***Gift Pick-up/Fly-out***

Friday, December 5, 2003, gifts will be dropped off and picked up from various locations across the state and delivered to Oakland County International Airport. If you have a location that could act as a drop off point, please contact CFSM with a date you could begin accepting gifts. Donors dropping off gifts at CFSM, Inc., will need to have gifts delivered before 10am on Thursday, December 4, 2003. Gifts can also be delivered directly to IFL East, please contact our office if this would be more convenient for you; gift deliveries are only accepted on Friday, December 5, 2003 between 9 A.M and 6 P.M. Everyone will be

contacted regarding gift drop-off/pick-up by the beginning of November.

The Spirit of Good Cheer flight will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2003. Anyone interested in volunteering at the airport should contact the CFSM office. We can also use additional pilots, if you are a pilot, or know someone who is and is interested, you may contact our office, or visit our website for more information at [www.c fsm.org](http://www.c fsm.org).

## ***The Children's Entitlement Fund***

This year-round fund provides foster children grants to have Life-Enriching and Life-Sustaining needs met. In 2002 more than \$22,000 was distributed to children and youth in foster care. Unfortunately the funds were depleted last year, and many requests had to be denied. On the reverse side of this page you will find a breakdown of 2003 giving. If you would like to make a donation to the Children's Entitlement Fund please contact our office at 517-349-6226 or email at [katie@c fsm.org](mailto:katie@c fsm.org).

***Thank you!***

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