



Jingle Bell Express 2019 Program Summary

Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) celebrated its 40th Jingle Bell Express program on December 13 and 14, 2019 by providing Christmas cheer to 2,843 children in need. In a year filled with construction projects at both the CCSC campus and our host church, Bellaire United Methodist, the Jingle Bell Express leadership team implemented a program plan that allowed us to exceed event goals. **Thank you for generously sharing the Christmas spirit with our neighbors in need!**

Jingle Bell Express is designed to meet the holiday needs of struggling families. This unique program is impactful in three important ways:

- By offering three layers of services (food, books and toys), the program addresses three important components: play, literacy and hunger/food insecurity.
- Parents individually select items for their own children, providing dignified choices and personal involvement to each family.
- Volunteers are heavily involved in planning and executing the event.

Program Highlights for 2019:

- ◆ **2,843 children (infancy through age 15) received new toys, new books, wooden toys and stocking stuffers. In addition, their 932 families received holiday food packages.**
- ◆ The program was offered to families living in 33 zip codes. Heavily represented zip codes served were located in Sharpstown/Fondren (29%); the Gulfton area (25%); and Greater Fifth Ward/Kashmere Gardens (10%).
- ◆ Gender and Ethnicity:
 - 50% of the children registered for the event were female; 50% male.
 - 94% of registered clients were Hispanic/Latino; 4% Black; and 2% all other combined ethnicities.
- ◆ **95%** of children who were pre-registered in October were served at the event.
- ◆ More than **700 volunteers** served at the Registration, Sort & Set Up, and Distribution phases of Jingle Bell Express! These volunteers combined for approximately **3,000 hours of volunteer service.**

CCSC extends extra special thanks to the Jingle Bell Express Committee for its leadership and teamwork; to the churches, schools, businesses and community groups that held donation drives; to the St. Luke's United Methodist Woodshop for providing handmade wooden toys; to St. Philip Presbyterian Church for providing program storage; to Crosspoint Church for overflow parking; and to Bellaire United Methodist for its generous hospitality as the Jingle Bell Express host site.

For more information on Jingle Bell Express or other CCSC programs/events/opportunities, please contact 713-961-3993 or visit www.ccschouston.org

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