

Your Board of Directors asks you to join in the SPIRIT of the season by providing items at GSLBAA Christmas Party for the needy families being helped by Epworth Children & Family Services –Or you can still bring cash/check donation for Epworth...see below for more info about this charity and how we can help. You can also visit their web site: [Epworth.org](http://Epworth.org)

### **About Epworth Children & Family Services**

- Epworth Children & Family Services is a non-profit agency committed to keeping families together, preventing abuse and neglect, and encouraging self-sufficiency in youth served through more than one dozen programs. In operation for over 150 years. The overall mission is to help children, youth and families move toward self-sufficiency by focusing on health, housing, education and employment.
- More than 10,000 children, youth and families turn to Epworth each year for emergency shelter, residential and intensive treatment, family reunification therapy, transitional and independent living programs, foster care, prevention services and a 24-hour help line.

Again this year we will be helping several individuals and families who have needs for the household in general, as well as items for their children. The items we are requesting this year to help Epworth make up Christmas baskets for the families are the following:

#### **Items for children: (Check new list for both.)**

Underwear & Socks (all sizes)  
Winter clothes (hats, gloves, etc.)  
Blankets  
Toys (dolls, blocks/Legos, balls, toy cars)  
Basketball, football  
Ear buds  
Art supplies  
Children's learning toys  
Children's books  
Baby Shampoos & Lotions

#### **Items for Household:**

Bath & Body products (male and female)  
Wash cloths, hand towels  
Batteries (all sizes)  
Pots, pans, kitchen utensils  
  
Gift cards to grocery stores  
Gift cards to Walmart or Target

While household items might not be as fun to buy, it means a lot to the well-being of these families who are struggling to make it through life. But if your thing is toys, please consider the items mentioned because they are sturdier than many other toys. And please consider the need they have for teenagers. Some of these teens have children too.

#### **OR you can make cash donations:**

- if writing a check, make out to: Epworth Children & Family Services
- put Holiday Wishes on the memo line, if you want to designate where money goes

There will be a collection can at the party for cash as well.