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## The 2012 Connection Wish List

Computer  
Computer Printer  
Office Supplies  
Kitchen Flooring  
Furniture  
Cell Phones  
Clothing  
Vehicles  
Appliances  
Household Items  
Children's Books  
Books  
Outside Door

**VOLUNTEERS!**

## THE CHRISTIAN CONNECTION

*Imagine not having a bed to sleep on and someone bringing you a nearly new mattress and box springs. Imagine being given the luxury of having a washer and dryer in your home when your family had never owned one before. This was only possible because a Christian family donated these items to our organization and we made the connection with a family in need of them. It's all about connecting Christians who have items they are willing to share with Christians who are in need. Please keep us in mind when doing renovations on your house or business or buying new appliances.*

*This past year due to a very generous donor we were able to supply the needs of several families with appliances. Although the appliances were used they were in excellent condition and to a family who has never had their own washer or dryer you can only imagine their excitement.*

*We were also able to supply a family, who otherwise may never have owned such a beautiful piece of furniture, with a beautiful, solid wood desk. This was made possible because someone was willing to donate the item when they remodeled their home.*

*Another example of the working connection is a family donating over 2,500 square feet of carpeting to CEC, and we in turn supplied another family with much needed floor covering for their home.*

**All donations are tax deductible but more importantly you are glorifying God by “standing beside one another”.**

FIRST THESSALONIANS FIVE:ELEVEN

# **DOUBLE YOUR DONATION IMPACT**

As president of Christians Encouraging Christians I am pleased to announce some wonderful news. An anonymous donor has offered to match dollar for dollar, any donations we receive up to a total of \$2000.00. This means that if we have \$2000.00 in total donations, then we will have an additional \$2000.00 in our budget for 2012. This could be a huge “shot in the arm” for our organization and will most definitely increase the number of Christian lives we will impact in 2012. CEC is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with all donations being 100% tax deductible.

If you choose to contribute for the 2011 tax year the funds must be postmarked before midnight December 31, 2011.

Over this past year we have affected the lives of many people who needed someone to “stand beside them” through a very difficult time. Please take a minute to read the articles in this

newsletter informing our supporters of a few of the activities that CEC has been involved in through out 2011 !

I never tire of talking about the projects we have been instrumental in and the people we have helped, so if you prefer to hear about them personally I would love to visit with you at your convenience. Please feel free to call me at 405-204-4570 or email me at [kvsprad@gmail.com](mailto:kvsprad@gmail.com) if you have any questions or comments.

**“DOLLAR FOR  
DOLLAR  
UP TO  
\$2000.00.”**

We look forward to accepting your donations anytime throughout the next year. Also we thank

you for your past support and encourage you to be involved in our future projects.

We encourage you to lend us your support in our efforts by making a financial donation or a simple donation of your time.

Kathryn Spradley-  
CEC PRESIDENT

A  
CHRISTIAN  
SHOWS  
WHAT  
HE IS  
BY WHAT  
HE DOES  
WITH  
WHAT  
HE HAS.

ANONYMOUS



"Therefore  
**encourage** one another  
and build each other up..."  
*first thessalonians five:eleven*

**EXCITING NEWS FOR CEC, INC**

## WEAR IT OR SHARE IT

*We are so thankful for all the Christians who have been willing to go through their closets this past year and donate clothing to our “Wear It or Share It” project. Our objective at Christians Encouraging Christians is to make every one we know aware of how blessed we are with an over abundance of clothing and to encourage each Christian to share their blessings with Christians who are in need of nice, warm clothing. Every Christian I know is more than willing to share what they have but may not be aware of how to get the clothing to other Christians. CEC has, with your financial help, taken on the responsibility of collecting and distributing clothing donations.*

*This past year through our “Wear It or Share It” project we were able to deliver over 500 pounds of donated clothing to be taken to Christians in Mexico. Also we were able to ship approximately 800 pounds of clothing to Christians in Honduras and with the help of Manuel and Heather Pastrana and Rigoberto and Mary Escoto these clothes are being distributed to members of congregations in and around the area of Tegucigalpa, Honduras.*

*We ask you to keep us in mind when doing your year-end closet purging or spring cleaning so that we can help even more Christians in need of clothing. If you are in need of a tax-deductible donation for 2011 or following years, please remember to*

**WEAR IT OR SHARE IT.**

**At the present  
time your plenty  
will supply what  
they need.....**

2 Corinthians 8:14

## VEHICLE DONATIONS

**This year we were fortunate to have the opportunity, because of the generous donation of a car by a couple here in the states, to supply a vehicle to a preacher in Saltillo, Mexico. The preacher was previously walking to his various studies and the car gave him an opportunity to travel further distances and also take his family along.**

**This past month another nice vehicle was donated that will be sold and the proceeds will be used to fund CEC projects.**

**We encourage you to consider us when contemplating what to do with your used vehicle. Your vehicle can be a tax deductible donation and the vehicle or proceeds from its sale can be used to help Christians in need.**

## BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

In the past CEC has been blessed with some wonderful board members who have made invaluable contributions to our organization. We want to express our appreciation to **Deron Smith** of the Dallas/Ft Worth area, **Brian Martin** of West Plains, Missouri, and **Steve Smith**, of Guthrie, Oklahoma. Even though these three are no longer on the board, they each brought their own thoughts and talents to help further the mission of **CHRISTIANS ENCOURAGING CHRISTIANS, INC.**

We are pleased to announce the addition of **Vicki Connor**, of Blanchard, Oklahoma as a new board member of CEC. We welcome Vicki, and look forward to an exciting 2012.

### **2011-2012 BOARD MEMBERS**

**President—Kathryn Spradley**  
**Vice President—Aaron Degough**  
**Secretary—Celinda DeGough**  
**Treasurer—Lloyd Spradley**  
**Vicki Connor**  
**Kathy Fox**  
**Shelley Martin**  
**Leota Smith**

**Excellence is our goal!**

**EXCELLENCE is .....**

**Caring more than others think is wise.**

**Risking more than others think is safe.**

**Dreaming more than others think is practical.**

**Expecting more than others think is possible.**

## CHRISTIANS IN DISTRESS

What would you do if your vehicle broke down eight or nine hours from home and you didn't have the funds to tow it home and the cost of repairs was way beyond your car repair budget? What would you do? Who would you call? This actually happened to a young Christian couple and their children, and within hours of contacting one of our board members about the problem someone was on the way to pick up the vehicle and deliver it where the owners needed it, three states away, with no expense to them. Unusual? Necessary? Yes to both questions. This is only one example of what Christians Encouraging Christians can do to encourage those who need a little help during a difficult situation. "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up....." I Thessalonians 5:11. That's what we do. We encourage you to get involved by volunteering your time or by giving a tax deductible financial contribution. Help us help others!!

**Love is a  
BEHAVIOR....  
Not a  
FEELING!**