Chapter Self Esteem Building

Christmas Parties for Char-Em ISD Program

**Timing, duration, frequency of program**

Annually in December, for approximately 6 to 8 classrooms over the course of a week

**Fiscal Information**

Budgeted expense total for program last year: $400

**Partnerships**

St. Francis Xavier School 8th grade students; Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District

What role does your partner(s) have in the program? The students assist the special needs children at the party with cookie decorating, making ornaments and generally giving them interaction with peers that they would not normally get.

**Clients**

Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: 75-100

Age range of clients served: 4-25

**Volunteers**

How many volunteers participate in this program: 3-5 CCS members plus 25 8th graders

What roles do the volunteers have in this program? Purchasing gifts and wrapping them; baking cookies; putting on Christmas parties

**Program Description**

Overall goal of this program: to bring holiday cheer and interaction with peers to the special needs children in our area.

What service/materials do you provide to your clients? Small Christmas gifts, ornaments to make and take home.

The chair coordinates with Char-Em Teachers and the St. Francis Teacher to put together a schedule for the parties. They deter mine the number of students who will be receiving small gifts.

Prior to the party days, the committee purchases small gifts and wraps them. They also purchase supplies for ornament making. The committee bakes Christmas cookies – some are decorated for the party and others are left plain for the kids to decorate at the party. On the set dates, volunteers put on parties with cookie decorating and ornament making at different special education classrooms in a two-county area.

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