

## BOTP FARMWORKER GIFT-GIVING PROJECT 2017

**Sign up now to buy a Christmas gift for a farmworker child!  
Attend the gift-giving piñata/tamale holiday event on December 17<sup>th</sup>!**

Again this year, as a way to spread our practice into the community, we have the opportunity to share our good fortune and generosity with children from The Center for Farmworker Families [CFF]. Dr. Ann Lopez has given us a list of children and sizes for a warm jacket, a shirt or pants, or a pair of shoes that we may purchase as a Christmas gift for each child.

This year Carla and the Guiding Circle are encouraging each of us to personally shop for the child we choose. It is more than just a simple gift-giving. *“These gifts mean more than just a present to a family,”* states Ann. It is a gesture of caring and acknowledgement of the dignity and wellbeing of the farmworker families. ***It is so appreciated.***

**How it works:** The CFF is asking for one item of clothing per child. You are welcome to sign up for more than one child as well. Sign-up sheets will be circulated at our regular Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. meeting times from Monday, Nov. 20, through Fri., Dec. 8. You can also call Nancy at 408-354-3741 or Isabelle at 831-662-0144 anytime before Wed., December 13.

If you are a last-minute shopper, you need not wrap the gift; just make sure it has the child’s full name on it. We will have gift bags and your gift will get into one before it is handed to a child. It is not necessary to keep the clothing sales tags or labels; if something doesn’t fit one child properly, it will be shared with another. ***All contributions are valued.***

**Where to shop:** K-Mart, Target, Ross, Costco, Marshalls, Toys/Babies Are Us, Walmart, Sears, Payless (shoes) are all possibilities; you may know of others. Someone will be able to shop for you if you just cannot fit it into your schedule but we would like to encourage you to strengthen your practice through the caring activity of shopping for those who are not as able as we.

### **December 17<sup>th</sup> Celebration: 2:00-4:00 p.m., Watsonville**

Please bring your labeled and wrapped/unwrapped gift to a sit before the 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to do that but still plan to attend the party, bring your gift with you. Food will be provided but if you wish to bring something to share, please feel free to do so.

**Directions to location of the Christmas Celebration: Pinto Lake Park, 757 Green Valley Rd.:** Take Hwy. 1 south from Santa Cruz to Airport Blvd.; exit toward Freedom. Turn left onto Green Valley Road. Park is on left past Holohan Rd.. There will be signs for where to turn in and a “flagger.”

**Please do attend!** It is a celebration to which the families are looking forward and they so appreciate our caring about them. Come prepared for whatever the afternoon brings – rain or shine – and let us all find joy in this lovely day.

***With Metta,  
Val, Robin, Isabelle and Nancy [Christmas Project Committee]***