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Annual Holiday Store

Through the collaborative effort of individuals and the community, we host an annual **Holiday Store each December.** This allows SSFNC parents to "shop for free" for a gift for each of their family members.

This season is often a stressful time for families doing their best to make it on limited financial resources. The Holiday Store is one very tangible thing that lifts some of that pressure for Southside parents, brings joy to the children, and nurtures our mission.

Here is how you can make a difference for our families:

- 1. Make a **monetary contribution** and let our volunteers shop for items most needed by mail or online at http://ssfnc.org--locate the "Donate Now" button and in the comment section type "Holiday Store".
- 3. You can **purchase new toys and items** from our carefully planned "**Wish List**" and deliver to Southside by December 18th.
- 4. You can also organize a **gift drive** with friends, family, co-workers, and church/civic groups.

Why I Support SSFNC

Supporting Southside is a Family tradition for the Jim McCormack's family. His mother-in-law, Agnes Regan, was a long time volunteer and when she passed away his wife and daughters continued their support.

Now, Jim volunteers weekly in SSFNC's preschool classroom. Jim says, "I was impressed with the work being done and the caring loving staff I saw in action. Early in my working years I was an educator. I love working with the little ones and playing a role in their development. I continue because being a "grandfather" figure for them is personally very rewarding."

Jim has been so taken with Southside and the children that he's enrolled in child development classes at the University of Minnesota, in order to better serve the children.



Jim McCormack pictured with his sister Eileer McCormack in Southside's yard.

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Donations of gifts will be collected until Wednesday, December 19th, 2018. To arrange the delivery/drop-off of a donation, please contact Holly at (612) 721-2762 ext. 220.



Thank You for Your Support of Our Fall Benefit at Surly Brewing!

Thank you to all who attended and donated to our annual benefit on September 30th. We raised nearly \$25,000 to support our dual-generation model: 1) Therapeutic early childhood education and 2) Family home visiting.

A big thanks to the event committee who made it a success: Gary Wert, Libby Buckley, Andy Gannon, Joel Henderson, Fred Herron, Judie Mattison, Kris Roach, Anne-Marie Rogers, Bill Sherman, Sandra Fuller-Thielen and Bob Thielen.



★ donate now

Donate to Southside on Give to the Max Day, November 15. Click above to schedule your gift now!

