



Please remember that all gifts to Big Bend Cares are deductible from your federal income taxes. Consult the Internal Revenue Service or your tax advisor for more information.

Holiday Angels 2008

*Please help to
provide
holiday cheer
for some of our
region's most
vulnerable
children ...*

Children do not have to be infected with HIV or have AIDS to be affected by the disease. Every year, children of parents living with HIV and AIDS do not have a happy holiday season due to the financial burden that often goes with a family member's struggle to survive.

Many difficulties compound the financial burdens of HIV/AIDS for clients of Big Bend Cares, such as:

- **100 percent** of Big Bend Cares' clients live at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.
- **69 percent** of Big Bend Cares' clients live below the federal poverty guideline of \$22,200 annually for a family of four.
- High food and fuel prices are making it more difficult than ever for Big Bend Cares' clients to afford basic necessities.

Bearing that in mind, please consider our invitation to become a Holiday Angel, and help to provide holiday gifts to children who just want to have a happy holiday season this year.

Over the years, Big Bend Cares and the Holiday Angels have provided gifts for hundreds of children. Lend your support as an individual, family, office staff, church group, civic group, or just a group of friends. Be a gift donor or a gift wrapper. Every little bit helps. For more information, call Diana Slater at (850) 656-2437 x301, fax at (850) 942-6402, or e-mail dslater@bigbendcares.org.



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