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The sponsor is given a list of needs, wants and wishes from the child, and they then go buy the presents and return them to the Guard. The whole process in anonymous.

Who to contact: To sponsor an Army Guard member's child, call Amy Wilson at 307-772-5211. To sponsor an Air Guard member's child, call Denise Rampolla at 307-772-6063.

Sponsors for families with low income

When: Sponsors can volunteer through Dec. 19

What: Cheyenne's Christmas Angels is seeking sponsors to provide Christmas to children in low-income families.

More information: Cheyenne's Christmas Angels began as one family asking for applications from families who need help with

Christmas and are not signed up for help from other programs, whether they missed deadlines or barely missed qualifications.

Each year, the family has provided a decorated tree, Christmas dinner, stockings and gifts to one family, and baskets of baked goods and homemade jams to 10 others, as well as the elderly and disabled.

This year, Cheyenne's Christmas Angels has overwhelmingly received more than 100 responses. Rather than trying to choose one family to sponsor, Cheyenne's Christmas Angels is asking the public to volunteer to sponsor these families.

Sponsors can specify what size family they can afford to sponsor, or they can choose to sponsor one child. Sponsors will be provided lists of items that would be appropriate for each child. The families' names will not be provided, but the sponsors can choose to include a signed Christmas card with

their gifts.

Sponsors are asked to provide a minimum of three gifts and one stuffed stocking per child; a roll of gift wrap, a roll of tape and a bag of bows so parents can wrap their child's presents; and a minimum \$20 gift card for the parents.

Sponsors can make arrangements with Cheyenne's Christmas Angels to drop their gifts off or to have someone pick them up.

Cheyenne's Christmas Angels is also asking for donations of Christmas trees and decorations to provide trees for these families.

Who to contact: Contact Leslie Shelton at 286-6620 or cheyenneschristmasangels@gmail.com, or visit Cheyenne's Christmas Angels on Facebook.

Head Start seeks to help local families

When: Through Dec. 14

What: Laramie County Head Start is asking for donations of money or items to benefit local low-income families.

Where: Drop off donations to Head Start, 711 Warren Ave., Cheyenne; or mail them in care of Community Action of Laramie County, 211 W. 19th St., Cheyenne, WY 82001.

More information: Head Start serves 206 children, of which 44 are newborn to 3 years old, and 162 are 3 to 5 years old. These children and families qualify for Head Start's services at 100 percent poverty level and sometimes are struggling to make the holidays special for their families.

Head Start is offering two ways for the community to help these families this holiday season: new, unwrapped toys or sponsorship of a family.

For several years, Head Start has received monetary donations from private individuals and companies to support families with a variety of needs. Head Start selects 15 to 20 families who are having an extraordinarily difficult time during the season, and uses these donations to provide them with a box of items the SNAP program doesn't provide, such as household cleaners, socks, paper towels, hats and gloves. Donations of gift and gas cards also are welcomed.

For more information: Contact Linda Torres or Bonnie Riedel at 307-634-5829.