

**Chapter 1 : Christmas Charity | Australian Children Living in Poverty**

*The Smith Family's Toy & Book Appeal is your opportunity to help bring a smile to a disadvantaged child's face this Christmas. Sadly, thousands of Australian kids will go without receiving a gift this holiday season simply because their families can't afford it.*

Yes, Christmas has a history , and that history affects us all, but each family has their own Christmas traditions and meaning. Children find yet a different meaning and one that changes as they grow and develop. Christmas in New York, Rockefeller Plaza, Source Christmas Giving and Sharing Certainly Christmas is a time of giving and sharing with those around us, but that sharing is not limited to those that we love and care for. It is also for the person that we have never met and will never see. Those that are not so fortunate in their lives as we are and that could use a helping hand. I would like to digress just a little here with story from our past that is pertinent. We always helped staff the store, repairing toys, setting the store up and displaying the toys. It fell to me to check off the people entering the store you had to be on the list to receive any toys and it was often not a pleasant task. I watched as some people took the bag we gave them and simply walked the aisles scooping toys until the bag was full; what they took was immaterial as long as they got "their share" of free toys. Others were downright nasty as the line was always long and the most prized toys went first. One lady, though, came in with her daughter of perhaps 4 or 5. Receiving their bag they carefully went down the rows of toys, choosing for each family member and thinking to leave some for the next person in line. Finished although their bag was only half full , they headed for the exit when the little girl suddenly stopped dead in her tracks, handed the special doll she had chosen for herself to her mother and dashed back towards me with her pigtails flying. Frightened at her own audacity she nevertheless threw herself at me, and with a whispered "Thank you so much! That 30 second episode more than made up for the long days in the store and the offensive behavior of some patrons. Nor does the giving stop with the adults; the little ones love to put the coins into the Salvation Army buckets where bell ringers ask for your help. They quite understand what it is about and wish to be a part of helping others. They learn giving here and can that be a bad thing? The younger members of our family, beginning at 4 or 5 years old, participate in choosing and buying gifts for siblings and others. A great time to introduce the concept to them. Christmas is a time of generosity and sharing for us. It can be throwing a few coins into the bell ringers bucket, it can be giving time and work when we would rather be home, warm and comfortable, or it can be sharing our own Christmas. We often invite someone without nearby family to share our enjoyment of Christmas dinner and the camaraderie of the day. It all adds to the wonder of Christmas and we are never poorer for doing it. Handmade ornaments that have been on the tree for many many years. Source Christmas Family Traditions Our family has, over the years, developed many traditions just for Christmas. Everything waits until after Thanksgiving although gift purchases may start as early as the day after Christmas for the next year. For several years it was a yearly event to find and cut a Christmas tree. Waiting for a snowy day, with the family bundled up and warm we searched through a nearby field that was thick too thick with small pine trees. Those days are gone, the field no longer available, and we now use a shudder fake tree, but it is still a big day when the tree comes out for decoration and our home begins to look like Christmas. Before our children were ever born, my wife made a few Christmas tree ornaments by hand. Ceramic figures of various kinds, with our names on them, and she also made a good number for future use but without names. As children, spouses of children and grandchildren came into our lives names magically appeared on those old ornaments and it is always with wonder when grandchildren find an ornament on our tree with their name on it. Those ornaments are now 30 years old and more, but they still go up every year. Children always help decorate the tree and are encouraged to add their own handmade ornaments some of those, too, are decades old. When finished, our tree is not the prettiest or neatest around, but it carries memories that are irreplaceable. It is not only a symbol of all that makes up Christmas but of the good times from years ago. Our tree is special to us, and something that always reminds us of what the True Meaning of Christmas really is - the love and sharing of Christmas. Some of our traditions are just that; traditions for no other reason than to remind us it is Christmas Day. These are just fun little things that mean

Christmas is here. There is nothing special or meaningful about them; they just are after so many years of observing them. Ghost of Christmas Past, "A Christmas Carol" Source Helping to decorate the house, this little guy found a particularly intriguing decoration and.. Source Christmas movies are a staple through December, watching as a family with the young ones. Decorating our home is again a family tradition. Children are enlisted to help put window decorations up while Dad puts a few lights on the house. Our feeling on outside decorations is that we need not make the most lavish display around, but that we do need to participate in the neighborhood decoration. It adds to the enjoyment of all, friends and neighbors, acquaintances and strangers, as the magic of Christmas blooms everywhere. Santa Claus plays a part in our Christmas; we find no harm in the idea of Santa Claus and feel that it adds to the magic and wonder of Christmas for the children. For us, Santa fills the stockings put up Christmas Eve, drinks the milk and eats the cookies left for him. He leaves many of the gifts that magically appear late Christmas eve, long after the children are in bed. Other gifts come from Mom and Dad, brother and sister, but Santa always brings some too. Cooking begins for Christmas day, with children helping to make cookies and candies - that evening or the next day they get to offer everyone some of their own work. Christmas morning is special for the children, with all those exciting gifts! I will leave you cookies and milk. I would like a doll with a bottle. And a pet unicorn. Love, KK Source Christmas and Children This article is getting a little long, but mention must be made of the children, the little ones in our lives. While adults can enjoy this time of year it is truly a time of magic and wonder for children. Beginning with Santa Claus Christmas comes alive to children. Everywhere they look they see signs of Christmas. The wait is interminable, but also adds to the experience as we talk about Christmas, watch the movies and take them to find gifts. Yes, when Christmas morning finally comes and they find gifts left by Santa and finally get to open all these neat things is the culmination of that waiting, but the entire season can and does bring wonder and magic into their lives. It can become a period of extra time with Mom and Dad never a bad thing! While not always easy the season is also one of extra duties, work and often stress that extra time and love we lavish on our children is important to their understanding and enjoyment of Christmas. While Christmas is a season for everyone to enjoy, there are also times of the season that we dedicate to our children. Christmas morning opening gifts is one such period and continues through the morning playing with the new toys. Taking our children Christmas shopping, seeing Santa in the stores or parade, taking the extra time to help our children "help" us prepare for the holidays - these are all things that make Christmas so magical to our kids. It is many meanings to us. It means sharing of ourselves with others. It means giving to others that need our help. It means reviving the old traditions that we have formed over the years and remembering our past. It means promoting and participating in the magic and wonder that children find in Christmas. It is a time of love and generosity. Most of all, though, our Christmas tradition is that Christmas is a time of family. Without family Christmas would be a pale shadow of what it is. Christmas means family to us.

## Chapter 2 : Smith Family Farm Christmas Trees

*from Smith Family Christmas Dinner Show Charlie and Charlie Bob Smith have always had a way with the guests at their Pigeon Forge music theater. Since , the entertainers have delivered their unique brand of music and comedy in an intimate, familial style that makes audiences feel like they're kicked back in the Smith family living room.*

With Santa and presents, good will and cheer! All Christmas trees are perfect! Barnard Great little One! In its clumsy way, it does approach Peace and Goodwill. But it is clumsier every year. He is less a selfish creature than at any other time; When the Christmas spirit rules him he comes close to the sublime Christmas might be kept as well upon one day of the year as another; but there should be a stated day for commemorating the birth of our Saviour, because there is danger that what may be done on any day, will be neglected. The very word brings joy to our hearts. No matter how we may dread the rush, the long Christmas lists for gifts and cards to be bought and given " when Christmas Day comes there is still the same warm feeling we had as children, the same warmth that enfolds our hearts and our homes. Hendricks The best Christmas trees come very close to exceeding nature. It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace. Pahro Be merry all, be merry all, With holly dress the festive hall; Prepare the song, the feast, the ball, To welcome merry Christmas. We are one great family. No wonder that Christmas is above all others the family day. A transfigured atmosphere of peace and love breathes around the home. The gifts and tenders of affection cement more closely the sacred ties of family life. The peace and love of this hallowed time shines like a halo around us; it goes with us as we hasten through the crowded streets; it brightens and cheers those we meet. There are no strangers on Christmas Day This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas. Mature, responsible grown men wear neckties made of holly leaves and drink alcoholic beverages with raw egg yolks and cottage cheese in them. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. Are they angels floating hither With their message of good-will? What sweet spell are these elves weaving, As like larks they chirp and sing? Of all colors, Red Light penetrates fog best. With its joys and its heartaches, With its laughter and song, It comes as a reminder That time marches along. There is only one fruitcake in the entire world, and people keep sending it to each other. Yes; the years may come and the years may go; But, when December wind doth, coldly, blow, We all, I guess, are just children once more And we plan our gifts, as we did of yore. We traditionally do this in my family by driving around the parking lot until we see a shopper emerge from the mall, then we follow her, in very much the same spirit as the Three Wise Men, who 2, years ago followed a star, week after week, until it led them to a parking space. We ring the bells when princes are born, or toll a mournful dirge when great men pass away. Nations have their red-letter days, their carnivals and festivals, but once in the year and only once, the whole world stands still to celebrate the advent of a life. Just like the rest of the year. Let us get back our childlike faith again. What holy task is thine! To fold a world in the embrace of God! It may weave a spell of nostalgia. Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance " a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved. Rundel Santa is very jolly because he knows where all the bad girls live. To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To every child, a good example. Let the beauty of the story take away all narrowness, all thought of formal creeds. Let it be remembered as a story that has happened again and again, to men of many different races, that has been expressed through many religions, that has been called by many different names. Time and space and language lay no limitations upon human brotherhood.

## Chapter 3 : The Smith Family's Toy & Book Appeal

*Smith Family Christmas Appeal Christmas is a time when all Australians should feel they belong, regardless of circumstances. The Smith Family's Toy & Book Appeal is your opportunity to help bring a smile to a disadvantaged child's face this Christmas.*

### Chapter 4 : Smith Family's annual Christmas toy and book appeal | Community News Group

*about smith family christmas lights Smith Family Christmas Light Show If you happen to be in the Lake Mary area, please feel free to come by and see the 3rd Annual Smit.*

### Chapter 5 : Smith Family Christmas Appeal

*Financial Disadvantage, means that over , Aussie kids feel left out. Imagine how that feels at Christmas, when everyone comes together. Please help The Smith Family break the barriers of.*

### Chapter 6 : Logan VIEW supports the Smith Family's Christmas Appeal | Seniors News

*Will Smith and His Family's Christmas Antics Will Give You Life By Julia Reiss Julia Reiss is a writer and standup comedian alive and mostly well in New York City.*

### Chapter 7 : Make a toy donation

*The Smith Family was founded in when five businessmen delivered gifts to orphans on Christmas Eve. While today the charity's year round focus is on providing long-term educational support for disadvantaged children, giving toy and books at Christmas is central to the The Smith Family's heritage.*

### Chapter 8 : Poem About Christmas With Family, Christmas Feelings

*The Smith Family improves outcomes through evidence based educational support: 87% of Learning Club participants agreed that going to a club helped them do better in class. 86% agreed that going to a club taught them they can do well if they try harder 3.*

### Chapter 9 : The Smith Family : Volunteer

*Scenes From the Smith Family Christmas. By " the same way people say "Ditch God" or "Ditch marriage," but people find it hard to do these things because they feel that there is more than.*