

Country Christmas

PLAN TO VOLUNTEER DURING THE HOLIDAYS

As Christmas approaches, feelings of love and sharing fill our hearts. As we prepare for the festivities, between baking two pies and wrapping three gifts, we answer the telephone certain we'll find that some organization needs our help during the holidays (as well as our children's, of course, since it is such a good life lesson). After all, once a year, we really should do something!

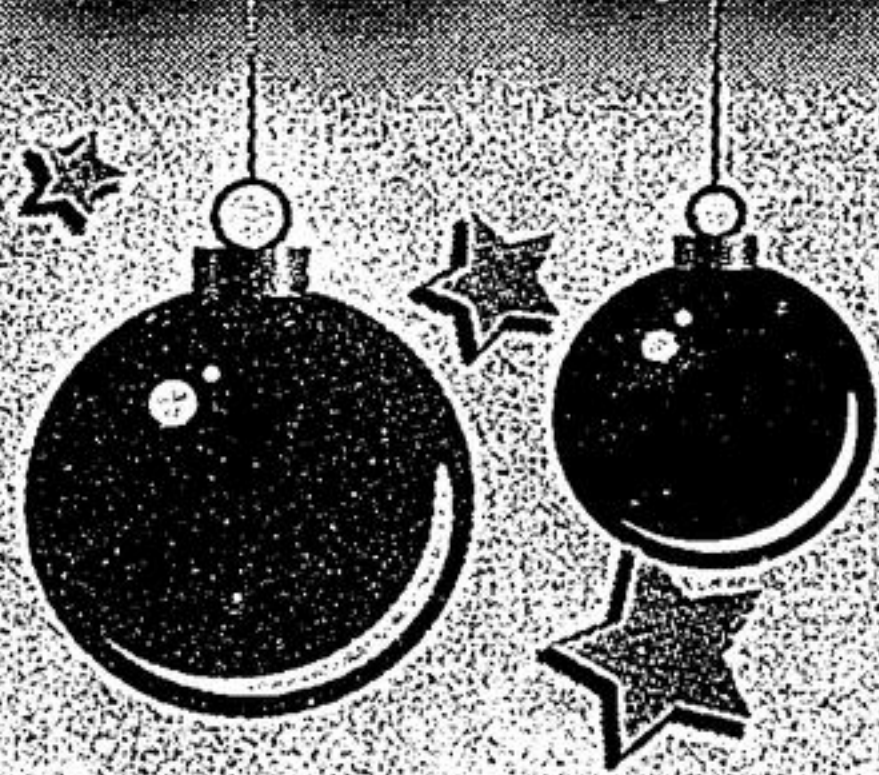
The intentions are good, the enthusiasm must be maintained, but you really must plan ahead if you want to realize your goodwill project. People wanting to volunteer during the Christmas season commonly commit the following three mistakes. First, you must get involved much earlier. Christmas activities are organized many months in advance so that, by December, most organizations already have enough vol-

unteers for their planned activities. Second, you must realize that most of the Christmas activities occur during the period before Christmas and not during the holidays. You must foresee your availability accordingly. Third, it isn't that simple to become a one-day volunteer. People in distress need to build a certain level of trust, which can take some time to develop. As well, depending on the kind of involvement you want to have, an interview followed by some training can also be required.

Nonetheless, Christmas volunteering remains a beautiful initiative that you can realize. Just don't delay contacting your local volunteer centre; they will direct you towards the organizations that need your help.



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