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Reaching out to children in need at Christmas time is a natural for communities in Perkins County. Again this year, each church in the county will participate in spreading Christmas spirit by giving a child the gift of their dreams through the Angel Tree project.

The project was a big success last year, and area pastors are hoping for the same generous participation from residents of the county this Christmas season.

An Angel Tree will be placed in each church across the area and will hold cards on the branches with the age of a child, their gender, their toy preference or size of shoes, pants or shirt, etc.

Community residents wishing to participate can select a card indicating a gift specifically asked for by a child to make their Christmas special.

The trees will be in place soon so shoppers can get a jump on their Christmas shopping.

Monetary gifts to the Angel Tree project will gladly be accepted by any of the churches or Pinnacle Bank, and the money will be used to purchase food baskets and gifts for the families in need.

Those who need help in assuring their child has a Merry Christmas are urged to contact any of the pastors at any of the churches in Perkins County, provide information about a special gift item, and then a card will be placed on the Angel Tree.

No one except the minister contacted will know the names of the children whose gift requests go on the trees.

A date will be announced when the gifts may be picked up by the families or delivered to the home if requested.