



Christmas Celebration 2025 now known as Brown County's Blessing Tree



Brown County's Blessing Tree 2025 was coordinated through a new local partnership of St. Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army. This joint effort maximized the community's generosity, allowing us to serve **508 children from 178 Brown County families** with memorable gifts.

THANK YOU! Co-coordinators of the Blessing events, Cheryl Orr Dixon and Captain Vinal Lee, wish to personally extend their heartfelt appreciation to the community & the more than 400 volunteers that generously gave nearly 1500 hours of their time to make these events possible.



Distribution of these gifts, along with books, hats, gloves and stuffed animals, took place on December 13 at Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship with a snow catchup on December 15. Shopping, donating, sorting, transporting, baking, setting up, tearing down, providing musical entertainment, and assisting with parking are just a few of the many things volunteers did to make this effort a success.



SVDP's Blessing Grandparents Open House was held at the CYO Camp on December 17. Nearly 100 guests and volunteers came together to celebrate grandparents with games, gifts, food, entertainment, and fun.



Co-chairs Cheryl Orr Dixon & Captain Vinal Lee spent hours planning and finetuning this successful event!

Concurrent with the Blessing events, St. Vincent de Paul distributed 67,805 pounds of food for 961 household visits representing 3753 individuals and 1045 children from October to December. For the same period, SVDP spent \$16,742 towards the purchase of food. This is over and beyond what is procured from Midwest and Hoosier Hills Food Banks, food drives and individual donations.