

The Union County Department of Social Services is seeking individuals or families to sponsor foster children on their birthdays. By donating \$30, you can ensure that a foster child will not be forgotten on their special day.

If you would like to sponsor one child - or even more - you can either mail a check to DSS for \$30 or more, or call Gloria Haney at 704-296-4312 for a specific age and date so that you can buy a gift for the child you choose to sponsor. Please be sure to include a note that you want your donation to be used for a foster child's birthday gift.

The Village of Marvin is already collecting gifts and stocking stuffers for the Union County Christmas Bureau. We anticipate that this year's need will be just as great, if not greater, than last year. If you would like to participate, the next few months may be a great time to look for new clothing, toys, and small gift items that may be available at bargain prices. You could also donate those unused items that you find when you clean out at home. (Last year the Christmas Bureau had a great need for items for children of all ages, but especially 10 years old and older.) Items may be dropped off during regular business hours (9:30-4:00 Mondays, 9:30-2:30 Tuesdays-Thursdays) at the Village of Marvin office at 10004 New Town Road.

We will send out reminders about donations closer to the holidays, and plan once again to offer unfilled stockings to groups who may wish to fill and return the stockings to our office for donation to the Christmas Bureau. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Village of Marvin at 704-843-1680.