

Merry Christmas from Eagle Village!

Celebrating the holiday season together is a wonderful way to make new memories, whether it's with family or close friends. At Eagle Village, we love to give our kids the chance to experience meaningful Christmas traditions.

Our three Eagle Village Christmas traditions include:

Decorating their homes and putting on a Christmas program.

Our kids get to decorate their homes with Christmas decorations, including a tree! They also put on a musical Christmas program right before Christmas. It's the perfect way to start off the season with a reminder of what's really important.

Eating a special Christmas breakfast, and decorating cookies.

On Christmas morning, we get all the kids a special breakfast treat: pancakes from McDonald's! In addition to that, what's Christmas without decorating Christmas cookies?

Playing Christmas themed outdoor games.

We play outside all year round, but during the Christmas season, we do special games like capture the elf (instead of capture the flag) and snowman making competitions!

SOME THINGS OUR KIDS
LOVE ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Spending time with family 

Giving and receiving presents

 Decorating the tree

Listening to Christmas music

Seeing all the pretty
Christmas lights 

Eating Christmas cookies &
pumpkin pie with whipped cream



DO YOU KNOW THE PERFECT FIT FOR OUR TEAM?



We're always on the lookout for great people to come join our team. Do you know anyone who would be the perfect fit at Eagle Village? Are you the perfect fit? Here are three ways to know if you (or someone you know) should be working at Eagle Village:

YOU WANT TO DO A JOB WITH A MISSION.

Are you tired of doing a job that feels like it doesn't matter? At Eagle Village, you are always doing something that matters: serving and equipping kids for success. Whether you're a youth care specialist, a therapist, or even part of our administrative staff, you are helping give kids hope for their future.

YOU WANT TO INVEST IN PEOPLE.

If you really care about helping people grow, but you're not working with people in your current job, it can be really hard to go to work every day. Investing in kids is a key part of what

we do at Eagle Village. We believe in the potential of all people, regardless of their story.

YOU WANT TO SERVE ON A TEAM THAT GENUINELY CARES ABOUT YOU.

Part of what makes a good team is shared experiences. Our staff bonds through common experiences, frequent training, and different seasonal events. When you join the Eagle Village team, you become part of a family that cares about you in the good times and the hard times.

Does it sound like you'd be the perfect fit for Eagle Village? Or, do you know someone who would? Maybe it's time for a change! We hire people with or without a college degree—we just want our staff to care about kids and be willing to serve.

Check out our job openings at eaglevillage.org/employment-opportunities, or call 231-305-6522 to learn more!

..... CHARLES J. STROSACKER FOUNDATION CHALLENGE MATCH UPDATE

Help us prepare our teens in foster care for adulthood! With our new Career and Trades Center, we'll teach our teenagers careers, give them hands on experience, and help them earn certifications in skilled trades.



December is the last month to have your gift for the Career and Trades Center doubled by the Charles J. Strosacker Foundation Match! Gifts or pledges of \$100,000 from Foundations are required. The remaining \$150,000 can come from any source as a collective match.



3 WAYS

Your Family Can Serve Others This Christmas

You know the feeling—you've done your Christmas shopping, picked out the perfect gifts for everyone on your list, and wrapped them beautifully. Now all that's left to do is give your presents! Watching someone you love receive something you picked just for them is almost better than opening presents yourself.

This Christmas season, take the opportunity to teach your family the joy of giving. Getting involved can be so simple. Here are a few ways you can get involved with Eagle Village—but the same ideas can apply to anyone you want to serve.

1 Write an encouraging Christmas note to our kids.

Many of our kids won't get Christmas cards from anyone. You can change this! Buy a pack

of Christmas cards, write kind, encouraging things on each of them for our kids, and mail them to us. When our kids get cards and letters like this, they save them forever. Such a small thing for you to do will mean so much to them.

2 Send a Christmas package.

Just the same as writing a card, sending presents to our kids will show them you care. It doesn't have to be a huge expensive box, even small things will make a big difference to our kids at Christmastime. Here's a list of simple ideas:

- Slippers, slipper socks, fun socks and regular socks
- Gloves and winter hats
- Body wash and lotion
- Stress balls
- Hair ties (scrunchies)
- Sketch pads (not spiral bound)

- Note pads (not spiral bound)
- Crosswords and word search books
- Journals and gel pens
- Puzzles
- Coloring books and crayons
- Games
- Athletic equipment, such as basketballs, baseballs, soccer balls, etc.
- Wii games for our residential houses

3 Come volunteer.

If you want to get involved beyond sending a gift, we'd love to have you volunteer. There's always plenty of need for new friendly faces on campus. Come teach our kids how to make your extra-special Christmas cookies or craft, or even just do a project around campus.

✂ Cut along dotted line to save as a holiday bookmark.

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed...the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you Lord Jesus; look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
Be near me Lord Jesus I ask you to stay, close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.*





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Will You Go Above and Beyond with Us?

Your investment in Eagle Village kids through the Eagle Fund provides the highest quality services to our children and families. You make it possible for us to give our kids resources and training—things that we take for granted—that they would not receive other places.

Will you invest in our kids and give to the Eagle Fund this Christmas?

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FIVE SIMPLE GIFT IDEAS

 Whether it's a novel, a biography, a how-to manual, or even a magazine subscription, a book is a gift you can open again and again.

 Giving someone you love a picture of the two of you is a reminder of your care for them long after the holidays.

 Spending time together means more to some people than any gift. Set up some dates or occasions to attend together.

 Making a gift for someone you care about shows them you're willing to invest time in them. It doesn't have to be

complicated—sometimes the simple presents are the best ones!

 Gifts don't just have to be objects. Look for a job that needs to be done and give your service and time as a gift.