



NEW THIS YEAR.... PLEASE READ!

TreeFest organizers have long been awed and humbled by the generosity of the community and sponsor decorators. Many of you go beyond beautifully and lovingly decorating a tree as a gift to someone they will never meet. You leave gifts of food and presents. This is truly touching and a demonstration of love and caring.

Last year, we experimented with matching decorators with recipient families. While we deemed last year's family match a success, we realized that we had become a part of the social services holiday safety net in a way that was not sustainable and in some cases would lead to difficulties for families.

Revised Guidelines for this year:

- Gift cards to Weis Markets, Giant Food stores or Walmart would be welcome attachments to any tree and would go to the matched family. The families can use them to buy fresh food and gas (very much needed)
- Any donations of food placed under a tree will go to the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard for distribution
- Any gifts placed under the tree should be new and unwrapped and will remain under the tree until the end of TreeFest when they will be added to TreeFest's local Toys for Tots donations.

We do not and would not ask ANY of our decorators to take on a financial commitment to provide food or gifts along with their generous donation of materials for decorations and their time spent making them and decorating the tree.

If you choose to leave gift cards, food or toys, please know that all will make their way to families in need during the holiday season.