

New Hampshire State Grange Community Service Department Launches Christmas Project for Teenagers

New Hampshire State Grange Community Service Director Dick Patten and members of the committee are launching a new Christmas Project for teenagers. Although this may be summer, it is never too early to start thinking about Christmas. Dick Patten began working on this project last Christmas and introduced this proposal to the committee who represent all areas of the Granite State.

Many times there are trees in department or grocery stores and in Churches with programs asking for gifts for children from infant to 18 years of age. In many cases, the Christmas stars that list the sex of the child, age, and gift needs or wishes. In most cases, the stars listing the infants or young children are taken first. The New Hampshire State Grange Community Service Department would like to change that. Many people feel that teenagers from 12 to 18 may not care if they get a gift or not on Christmas morning. However, the Grange feels the teenagers would enjoy opening a gift on Christmas morning. Thus, the project has been named "Santa Remembers Teens at Christmas". Dick Patten will be sending out information to all Granges by September 1st as a majority of the Granges don't meet in the summer. However, for those that do, it is never too early to start Christmas shopping.

The Grange will be asking not only its members but residents in their community to support this project by donating a gift for a teenager. The gift suggestions could be gift certificates from McDonald's, Burger King, Super Cuts, Pizza Hut, Walmart, Target, Best Buy, or the Malls in the state. It doesn't have to be a super expensive gift to bring a smile to a teen. The Grange will be working with Operation Santa Claus, Friends of forgotten Children and more.

The Grange members will be asked to bring gifts for this project to the State Grange Session to be held at the Crowne Plaza in Nashua in October.

Please contact State Director Dick Patten at [603-496-2917](tel:603-496-2917) and let's assist "Santa Remembers Teens at Christmas". The Community Service Department will be contacting people from Coos County to the Seacoast to support this project.