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**EDNA'S KIDS NEED HELP  
MORE THAN IN PAST YEARS**

JAMESTOWN – They're called "Edna's Kids" because Ednalyn Hurley has enlisted help for Christmas presents for children in single parent homes for 15 years.

"Due to the economic environment, I'm saddened to say that this year there is a dire need more so than ever," she said.

Hurley, a counselor at Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, said sponsors are needed for 30 more children before the Dec. 4 deadline to arrange for Christmas for needy families at the college.

Hurley, the originator and coordinator of the college's Single Parent/Student Families Christmas Drive, said needy students and their children benefit from donations from "those who care about others." The project also helps families at GTCC's campuses in High Point and Greensboro.

Children receiving Christmas gifts range from infants to teenagers, she said. The project is organized through the GTCC Single Parent Support Group.

Sponsors who can make tax deductible monetary gifts or donate items are needed. "Clothing and other necessities, as well as toys and fun items," are needed for the children," she said.

Donations are made to the GTCC Foundation and will be accepted through Dec. 4, she said. "We need some big sponsors to come through and help these families," she said.

Only low-income students can qualify for the gifts, she said.

Hundreds of students and their children have been helped since Hurley was inspired to rally people to help others have a merry Christmas. Many of "Edna's Kids" have survived welfare rolls through the years and are gainfully employed, she said.

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