

Fundraising Banquet & Auction

Thursday, December 1, 2011

Dinner is on us!

Oehler's BBQ Barn
4503 Ridge Rd., Charlotte NC

Silent Auction, Fellowship, & Dinner at 6:00 pm
Program & Live Auction 7:00-9:00 pm.

**Your attendance is desired,
but a reservation is required.**

Call 704-663-5010 to claim your spot
by November 21!

Wear what you want,
as long as it's got a pocket for your wallet,
'cause everyone will get a chance to give!

“Whenever you did one of these
things to someone overlooked or
ignored, that was me—you did it to
me.”

-- *Matthew 25:40 (The Message)*



The goal is
to give children
One Christmas
so special,
that they will begin to

Believe

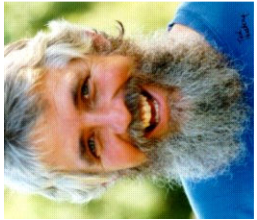
that they are
truly special.



www.OneSpecialChristmas.com

260 McCrary Rd., Mooresville, NC 28117

Matthew 25:40



Don Chapman

“We want to really impress on each child that there are people on this Earth that care about him, and he’s as important and worthy as any child. The objective is to make them feel cared about and loved in a big way.”

-- *Don Chapman*
Founder of One Special Christmas

Mission: One Special Christmas is a volunteer organization that provides a special Christmas once in a child’s life. It’s not the gifts given, but the memory of love and caring that comes with a special Christmas.

How it works: Every year, an all-volunteer group of folks: donate handmade furniture and art, sell it at an auction, and use the proceeds to buy toys for underprivileged children.

Names of deserving children are submitted by adult educators, community leaders, children’s agencies, and churches who are aware of children’s specific circumstances.

Each child served by our organization is asked what **they** want for Christmas. This is what makes OSC unique. We try to fulfill, as closely as possible, the child’s specific Christmas wishes. We feel this affirmation demonstrates Christ’s love and increases self-worth. Our hope is that each child would have a Christmas so special, that they would begin to believe that they are truly special.

History: The project began in 1973. Don Chapman, then a student at the Memphis College of Art, could not make it home for Christmas and decided to make some wooden toys for an orphanage next door to the school.



Wooden Toy

When he came back to Moorsville, Don continued making the toys, each year adding friends to help. He was an instructor at Central Piedmont Community College, so the college let him to use the woodworking shop.

In 1989, it was decided to switch to furniture-making. The plan was to hold an auction, sell hand-made furniture and other hand-made craft items, and use the money to buy toys for children. In that way, many more children could have One Special Christmas.



Hand-Made Furniture

In the years since, the auction has raised more than \$800,000 to help children experience the feeling of being special

This year One Special Christmas is celebrating its 23rd annual auction on Dec. 1st.

The auction features handmade furniture, and arts and crafts by local and nationally renowned artisans such as Bob Timberlake, and Cotton Ketchie.

We need you. Whatever you have been blessed with – talents, abilities, money – it’s exactly what we need. Everyone has their own special part to play.

We need help with: buying, wrapping, delivering gifts, coordinating & media contacting, donations of art, hand-made furniture, nicely done crafts, money, materials, lumber, printing, & anything else that you can do to help.

For more information go to:
www.OneSpecialChristmas.org

To get involved contact:
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“For the kids, it is One Special Christmas one time. For me, it is One Special Christmas EVERY year.”

~Steve Snow
volunteer