



B E S T C H R I S T M A S E V E R

Dear Queen of Peace families,

November 18, 2022

This Christmas season, Queen of Peace is once again partnering with the nonprofit company, Best Christmas Ever (BCE) to bless a local family that has fallen on hard times. The purpose behind BCE is to make a life-long impact on families that have fallen upon hard times through no fault of their own and to truly change their lives for the better. Established with just one family in 2011 in Esko, MN, BCE makes a difference in hundreds of lives each year! Families are nominated by friends or family and are then sponsored by a volunteer captain and local businesses to surprise the family with the best Christmas ever. With your partnership, we will be able to provide this experience to a very deserving local family.

On behalf of BCE, we are reaching out to our school, parish and local businesses to help raise the funds and necessities to make a lasting impact on this family. A few ways the school is fundraising is by having non-uniform days, and a fundraising contest. As a parish, we will be hosting a cinnamon roll sale on Saturday, December 17th from 10am-noon for pick-up in the Queen of Peace gathering space (Door #1).

Being able to give a family a life-changing gift, as well as presenting each member with presents to open this holiday season, is a complete honor! On behalf of BCE, I am reaching out to you to consider helping us raise funds and purchase items to make a lasting impact on the family we bless. This year the focus of our fundraising will be to help with mortgage payments and medical bills. Our team has the goal of raising \$10,000. Please consider donating! Our donation page is: <https://bcemovement.kindful.com/2022-bce-families/queen-of-peace>. If monetary donations aren't possible, we are also seeking specific in-kind donations.

In addition to our donation page, we also have a gift tree located in the parish gathering space, one at Sara's Vac Shack and Common Ground Coffee Bar. Please stop by to grab a gift tag and return the item *unwrapped, with the tag* (include your email address for a receipt) to the parish office. We have until **Monday, December 19** to accept donations for this family! The school children will be wrapping the gifts on Wednesday, December 21.

This effort is about uplifting and giving a family hope when there may be none left. It is about changing lives and making people around us better. It is about giving a family love and compassion and resetting their course so they can go on to accomplish great things. It is about changing the world family by family. The family we bless is more than deserving, and we are excited to turn what could have been an incredibly difficult Christmas into the Best Christmas Ever!

Thank you for your consideration, and Christmas Blessings to all!



Scan here to donate!

Queen of Peace BCE team,

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