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## 8-year-old Hosts 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser for The Salvation Army

- Who:** 8-year-old Stephen Smith
- What:** 8-year-old Stephen Smith, one of Houston's youngest philanthropists, invites his classmates from River Oaks Baptist Academy to join him for his 5<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas party and bring new toys to donate to The Salvation Army Christmas program. He also invites classmates of his sister and brother, Mary Kate (age 7) and Sam (age 4).
- When:** Thursday, December 13, 2007, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Where:** The Smith Residence, 3402 Wickersham, Houston, TX  
(on the corner of Wickersham and Claremont in River Oaks)
- Why:** When young Stephen was four years old, he saw a family sleeping under a bridge and his mother told him that the family was homeless and probably would not have gifts to give their children for Christmas. This sparked an extraordinary response from Stephen, who now hosts an annual Christmas party to collect toys and money to donate to The Salvation Army to help the needy at Christmas time. Approximately 100 will be in attendance this year.



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