

# WINTER 2011 NEWSLETTER

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**Needed Items at MESI:**

- Disinfectant Cleaner
- Bleach
- Dish Soap
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Windex
- Bath Towels
- Diapers
- 2% Milk
- Food
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Trash Bags 13 or 55 Gallon Size
- Black Ink Pens
- Stamps
- Printer Paper
- Aluminum Foil
- Saran Wrap

## Meet Our Volunteers and Intern

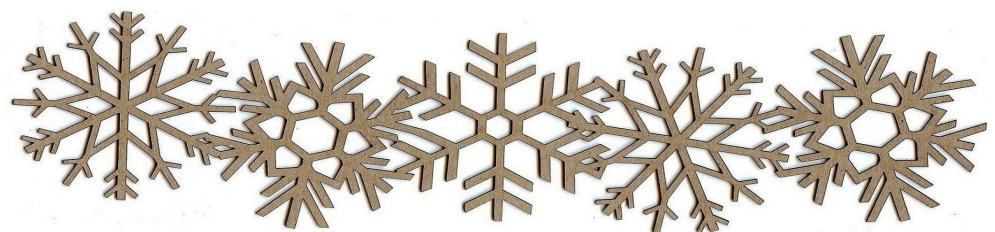


**Mona Melhem** volunteers as an administrative assistant. She has her master’s degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Kansas State University. She obtained her bachelor’s degree in Business at the University of Cairo in Egypt. “Working at MESI has helped me to understand the needs of others and to serve the community that I live in. It is important to give to people who are less fortunate than yourself.”



**Brittany Willhite** is also a volunteer administrative assistant. She currently attends Kansas State University and plans to graduate in 2013 with a bachelor’s degree in Social Work. “I have gained patience and have become a more understanding person because of the time I have spent at MESI.”

**Megan Dague** just completed her internship at MESI and bachelor’s degree in Family Studies and Human Services from Kansas State University. “Throughout my internship, I have gained experience, knowledge and skills that I will be able to take with me to any professional opportunity. Poverty is something that is well hidden in this area and it was a challenge for me to see people struggle, but the staff, programs, and the mission of MESI is something that has really inspired me. I will be moving to Wichita immediately after graduation to continue my career with Chili’s Grill and Bar Restaurant.”



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## Fundraisers

**Adopt An Ornament** takes place during the December holidays. Our clients fill out a “wish list” and individuals, businesses, or organizations wanting to donate gifts choose a family, man, or woman who deserves to feel merry and bright. We are always in need of individuals to give, throughout the year, to this annual fundraiser so bring your left over wrapping paper or gift bags to our agency and plan to be someone’s Santa each Christmas.



We want to thank the Fairy Godmothers Fund for their continued generous support! The donations received from **Lingerie Luncheon** on November 17th were much appreciated! Also, Manhattan Broadcasting Company wanted to **Educate, Advocate and Inspire** the community by collecting donations at Manhattan Town Center and Briggs Auto Lane on December 10th. MESI truly benefitted from their efforts!



**Tip-Off for TP**, organized by K-State’s Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), will again be helping us offset nearly \$5,000 of our monthly expenses consisting of toilet paper, paper towels, and trash bags as fans donate these much needed items at the following games:



Wildcat Men’s Basketball vs. Oklahoma on **Saturday, January 28th 2012**  
Wildcat Women’s Basketball vs. KU on **Sunday, February 12th 2012**



Bring your recyclable aluminum to Howie’s Recycling and Trash Services, 625 S. 10th Street, for **Cash For Cans!** Money will be placed in a designated account to be given to MESI!