



Phillips College employees Stephanie Arnold (left) and Dr. Tarsha Smith (right) are shown placing gift cards on the tree at Phillips College in preparation for the Phillips College Angel Tree project. (Marla Clark Photo)

PCCUA sponsoring Angel Tree for needy children

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This year, 146 Phillips County children in need will receive gifts through the generosity of community members and local businesses. The Phillips College Angel Tree project kicked off this week with Christmas trees of hope decorated with blank Wal-Mart gift cards now on display at Wal-Mart and Phillips College. Those who would like to take part may take a blank gift card from the tree and put a donation of any amount (minimum of \$5) on the gift card or make a tax-deductible donation by writing a check payable to: PC Angel Tree. Gift cards or checks may then be turned in to any member of Wal-Mart management, Phillips College

(College Relations Office), Phillips County Chamber of Commerce, or Southern Bancorp on Plaza Street.

All gift cards and donations are due by Dec. 15, and, at that time, the grand total will be matched, and designated shoppers from Southern Bancorp and other local merchants will purchase and wrap all of the gifts wished for by the 146 children and deliver them.

Leslie Stanford, who is coordinating this effort, said, "We are doing it a little differently this year because we want the amount spent on each child's gift to be distributed more equally. Please help Phillips College meet the needs of these less fortunate children by purchasing a Wal-Mart gift card of any amount or making a tax-deductible donation."