

# Angel Tree project needs assistance

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The Junior Auxiliary of Clinton has begun their annual Angel Tree project, which benefits children within the Clinton Public School District. The service organization partners with the Clinton Community Christian Corporation (4 C's) to identify families in need who are currently facing challenges and may need assistance in making Christmas memories for their children.

Each child has an angel for clothing needs and one for wishes. This way, each child receives clothing items (which help meet a need), as well as something fun. Organizers ask that two shirts and two pairs of pants be



purchased for each clothing angel. The wishes include items such as games, educational items, and bicycles. The fulfillment cost for an angel typically ranges between forty and sixty dollars.

Angels are available for pick-up at Funtime Preschool, Holy Ghost Baptist Church, Parkway Pharmacy, Northside Baptist Church, CrossFit Chi-Rho, the YMCA and the Baptist Healthplex. Items collected for each angel should be returned to the location from which the angel was originally placed, with the exception of bicycles, which may be taken to the 4 C's.

For more information, contact Laurie Lawson at the 4C's at 601-924-9436.

# CHS junior Zhang achieves perfect score on ACT

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Clinton High School junior Kevin Zhang did the happy dance when he found out he scored perfect on the ACT.

He took the test in June and was checking for scores at midnight on the day they were released.

"I just started jumping around," he said. His parents "were really surprised. They didn't think I would make perfect."

The American College Test is a curriculum and standards-based tool that assesses students' academic readiness for college. Students can take it multiple times, and it is administered to all Mississippi students in eleventh grade.

Zhang has not decided where he wants

to go to college, but he has time to decide. He's considering a career in computer science or a related field.

"I sincerely thank the principals and teachers from Clinton High School for their high-quality teaching and instruction," said Kevin's father, Ping Zhang. "They have taught Kevin not only new knowledge but also the way to learn new knowledge from the Internet, namely life-long learning skills. As parents, we appreciate all the teachers' efforts and contributions."



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Kevin Zhang

There are currently two students at Clinton High School with perfect scores on the ACT, Zheng and CHS senior Clark Hensley, but multiple other Clinton students have aced the test in recent years.

"At CHS, we work hard to prepare students to do well on the ACT, because it can open a lot of doors for higher education," said Principal Brett Robinson. "This equals free tuition at some schools and a lot of scholarship offers from others.

Scoring well on the ACT can have real, tangible benefits for students."

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