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'Fun day' to give families a break from holiday stress, shopping

Staff Report

LANCASTER - Families that are stressed out from holiday shopping will have an opportunity to put the wrapping paper and credit cards aside to enjoy the festive spirit on the season at the River Valley Mall on Sunday.

The Holiday Family Fun Day, a joint venture between the *Eagle-Gazette*, Fairfield County Job & Family Services and *momslikeme.com*, will begin at noon and run until 6 p.m. inside the former Macy's location adjacent to the mall.

The exhibition will provide children the opportunity to create crafts, ornaments and wrapping paper for loved ones. They also will be able to decorate holiday cookies.

"The main thing we hope folks get out of this is to see that when different community partners and volunteers pull together, we can do some amazing things," said Rich Bowlen, director of Child Protective Services.

The event also will feature local exhibitors who will showcase their products and provide free food samples for families in attendance.

Additional Facts

If You Go

- **What:** Holiday Family Fun Day
- **When:** Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday
- **Where:** River Valley Mall (in the former Macy's location), 1635 River Valley Circle, Lancaster
- **Cost:** Free

How to Help

Those wishing to donate craft items for the Holiday Family Fun Day can call Ursula LaVeck, public information specialist at Fairfield County Job & Family Services, at 740-687-6706.

Coats, hats, gloves and scarves also will be accepted at the event.
