Greetings and Salutations!

(That's super fancy for hello)

It's almost time for *la période del Noël* (that's French for the Christmas season) and you're sure to be planning your fabulous and festive events already. In addition to having a wonderful time with family and friends, the holidays are a great time to do some good in the world.

Give back with a bountiful and bright idea this season: Decorate and donate a Christmas tree to those in need, following the simple steps below.

Start by inviting friends and family to help your cause. Make and send your own Fancy Nancy-inspired invitations using the template provided here: www.fancynancyworld.com/pdf/SplendiferousChristmas.pdf

Use the activities and suggestions on the following pages to create festive ornaments and fancy decorations. Add other items you might have on hand, like lights, bows, or tinsel.

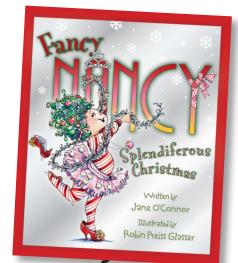
Think about the recipient (that's a fancy word for someone who gets something) of your finished tree. A local children's hospital, homeless shelter, soup kitchen, church, lodge, veterans' organization, library, nursery school, day-care center, or community center might be the place to start. Call or send them an email to find out if they're interested.

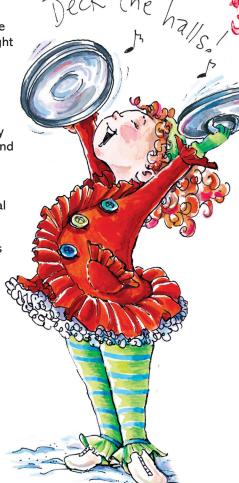
Some holiday charities, like Toys for Tots, also donate decorated trees to needy families. Call your local chapter or email the national organization to coordinate your contribution.

Local churches may also distribute decorated trees to parishioners of limited means. Check with nearby ministries for more ideas and information.

If you'd like to do some research on a worthy cause in your area or in the world at large, visit www.charitynavigator.org for information on local and worldwide charities.

Don't forget to share your holiday festivities and good works with all your fancy friends. Submit your photos and captions to fancynancy@harpercollins.com.





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