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## Adopt A Family Christmas Program *Sponsorship Information*



If you are interested in providing a joyous Christmas holiday for a family in need this season, there are a number of options available to you:

**Direct Sponsorship** - Provide a new toy and article of clothing for each child in the family in addition to a grocery store gift certificate or food basket for the family's Christmas dinner. These items should be gift wrapped and tagged with each child's name. Items should be delivered directly to the family by you or forwarded to the family by Volunteers of America Michigan.

**Cash Donation** - Your donation will be combined with others to adopt families. Sponsorships are designed to meet every budget:

- \$20 – provides toys for a minor child
- \$30 – provides warm clothing for a child
- \$50 – provides Christmas dinner for a family
- \$85 – provides a great Christmas for a senior
- \$150 – provides an entire holiday for a family of four (food, toys and clothing)

### ***Direct Sponsorship Guidelines***

Sponsors should deliver the gifts directly to the family adopted. If this is not possible, gifts may be delivered to the Volunteers of America Michigan Adopt-A-Family Office, which is located in Southfield, and the families will pick the gifts up.

Date of delivery should be coordinated by the sponsor and the adopted family and should (in most cases) be delivered prior to December 20<sup>th</sup>. Once a date is agreed upon, the sponsor should report the date to the Adopt A Family office at (248) 353-4VOA (4862), so that we are able to confirm that the family has been cared for.

**Each child in the household should receive a minimum of one new toy and one new article of clothing or other clothing item** such as a coat, pajamas, boots, etc. Gifts for the parents are to the discretion of the sponsor.

**Food for the family's Christmas dinner should be provided.** The preferred way to do this is a gift certificate from a grocery store. (Kroger, Meijer, K-Mart) We suggest a \$50 gift certificate for families of four or fewer, for families over four, please add an additional \$5 per person. If making a food basket, it should include some of the general holiday food items; turkey or ham, white potatoes or yams, green beans, macaroni and cheese, stuffing mix, rolls, cranberry sauce, dessert and a beverage. These are simply ideas for your basket. It would be better to ask your adoptee about the items they prefer.

**\* Any other items donated are at the sponsor's discretion. \***

Many of the families welcome hand-me-downs and useable household goods. *You may want to ask the family about this if you have children in the same age range or useable household goods.*

In the past we have had corporate sponsors who are willing and able to give large items like appliances. As a result, we ask families to indicate on the wish list if these items are needed, however, **please** do not get the impression that the family expects these things or that you are obligated to provide them.

When you have made your donation choice, please contact our office and a representative will be happy to assist you. Thank you for your generosity of spirit and may you be blessed!

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