



***Would you like to do something really special for the holidays?  
Help make a family's Christmas bright!***

## **ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

*A Program of The Salvation Army*

**YOU CAN BECOME A SPONSOR** of a family that has experienced or is experiencing severe economic, emotional or physical crisis. Eligible families include low-income working families, grandparents who are primary caregivers of their grandchildren, families coming out of homelessness, victims of domestic violence, and victims of natural disasters.

**WHAT IS A SPONSOR?** A family, group of people, or individual who chooses to “adopt” a family for the holidays by purchasing new clothing, toys, household items, and food/grocery store certificates, or any combination of the latter. As the needs of each family are different, so too are their wishes. We make every effort to match sponsors to families based on interests, family size and the sponsor’s ability to provide for their “wishes.”

### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

- Potential sponsors contact the local Salvation Army to request a family or families.
- If there are limitations or requests as to what a sponsor wishes to commit to, i.e., prefer to purchase clothing and toys, want to provide gift cards, etc., please specify up front so that every effort can be made to make the best family-sponsor match.
- Once matched, the sponsor will receive a brief narrative explaining the family’s situation along with their wish list. Alias names will be used **at all times** to maintain anonymity.
- The sponsor then purchases items from the wish list. **All items should be new and remain unwrapped. Please keep receipts as The Salvation Army will need them for our records.**
- The sponsor then schedules a time to deliver the items during the week of December 10<sup>th</sup> to The Salvation Army, who will then ensure gifts get into the hands of families before Christmas.

**WHAT IS THE TYPICAL AMOUNT OF THE DONATION?** Donations range from \$50-\$200, depending upon the size and needs of the family, and the sponsor’s financial commitment.

**WHAT IS THE REWARD?** Families in need are provided with gifts and other items for the holiday, allowing their children to experience the joy of Christmas. For sponsoring groups, knowing that you have impacted a family less fortunate in such a significant way brings great satisfaction and reward.

***It has been said that no one ever becomes poor by giving. In fact, it makes us richer!***

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