

HOLIDAY PROJECT

November 2015

Sharing the Spirit of the Holiday Season
1432 Genesee Street, Utica, New York 13502

Dear Holiday Project Participant:

Thank you for your willingness to adopt a family as part of the 2015 Holiday Project.

Enclosed is a copy of your adopted family's worksheet and a gift suggestion sheet.

Please read the instructions below on Food Box preparation night, Gift Wrapping & Delivery.

Food Box Preparation Night:

Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 5:45 p.m.

St. Thomas Catholic Church, Parish Center, 150 Clinton Road, New Hartford

Everyone will fill and take home the food box for their adopted family.

Important: If you are unable to pick up your food box, please make arrangements with someone else to do so for you. Pick-up of the food boxes is by 6:30 p.m.

Bring a copy of your adopted family's worksheet with your family name and number on it with you.

Do **not** bring the gifts with you to food box preparation night.

Gift Wrapping Instructions:

Wrap gifts individually and tag them. Place all gifts for your family in a large plastic bag(s) and fasten securely. On a large card (5x8 inches), write the number and the name of the family. Fasten the card to the outside of each bag(s). It is important to have gifts clearly marked since each agency's gets deliveries for multiple families.

Gift and Food Delivery:

You are responsible for delivering your food box and gifts to your adopted family or their agency between December 11 and December 16, 2015.

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Thank you for all you do for our community!

Wishing you and your family a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Dawn Butler, 725-4256.

Holiday Gift Suggestions for Adopted Families

We recommend that each child get at least one item of clothing and one toy. What you choose to spend on your family or the individual you adopt is up to you. If you have used items or clothing in good shape that you think your family can use, feel free to give them as well. Please do not wrap these items as gifts.

PLEASE do not feel that is necessary to buy expensive things that are put on the list you receive. The last column on the form is a **wish list only!!!!**

Suggestions:

1. Warm Clothing: Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Thermals, Robes, Slippers, Socks, Scarves, Sweat Suits, Boots, Shoes.
2. Household Items: Sheets, Blanket, Comforters, Towels, Washcloths, Pillows, Glasses, Flatware, Utensils, Pots/Pans, Small Rugs, Dishes.
3. Educational: Dictionaries, Books, Stationary, Coloring Books, Crayons.
4. Tools: Hammer, Pliers, Wrenches, Screwdrivers, Scissors.
5. Toys: Stuffed Animals, Dolls, Cars, Toddler Toys, Puzzles, Games.
6. Playing Cards, Crossword Puzzle Books.
7. Baby Items: Clothes, Blankets, Bottles, Formula, Diapers, Toys.
8. Craft Items: Needles, Pins, Assorted Thread, Scissors, Yarn, Beads.
9. Cleaning Items:, Soap, Dish Soap, Detergent.
10. Paper products: Paper Towels, Paper Napkins.
11. Canned goods or food items in addition to the food box.

Additional Gifts Ideas (for the elderly)

1. Stationary, postage stamps, selection of cards like birthday or thank you, black ink markers or pens with easy grips.
2. Food items like single cup coffee bags, individual size food items, hard candy, etc.
3. Pajamas, cloth handkerchiefs, afghan, other clothing items.
4. Gift certificates (groceries, bakery, mall, utilities or cable TV).
5. Large print crossword or puzzle books, large print books or magazines, hand held games (poker, solitaire).
6. Perfume, nice soaps, shampoo, moisturizer, and other toiletries.
7. House plants, flowers, decorative items.
8. Eyeglass lens cleaner, eye glass strap.

