



Adopt-A-Family Program

Thank you for your interest in adopting a family for the holidays. Our program assists low income families to have a blessed and brighter holiday season. You can adopt a single child or an entire family. Our goal is to make sure all children in eligible families who apply, are adopted for the holidays. We have also added an extension to this program, where children are adopted for the entire school year. Please see additional information below after the holiday information.

How it works

We have provided a detailed blessed list and family profile for each of our families. Sponsors then “adopt” a family and purchase the items on the child’s blessed list. Items will be delivered to our drop off location, labeled with the family name and each members’ name on it. The 2023 official program application process **ends on November 24th**.

Participating sponsors will receive their family listing to purchase/wrap gifts and deliver them to Elms Family and Community Services **by Friday, December 15th** for distribution to families the week of December 18th. Elms Family and Community Services’ volunteers can assist in wrapping gifts, if needed as well. Gifts that must be wrapped, must be delivered by **Friday, December 8th** as additional gift wrapping will be done on Saturday, December 9th. Drop-off dates/times may be arranged by contacting programs@elmsfamilyandcommunityservices.org.

How much should you spend?

We’ve provided some information to help you determine how much you should spend on your adopted family or individual. Please note, these are only suggestions.

Family Size	Suggested Amount
Individual	\$50-\$75
Family of 2	\$80-\$120
Family of 3	\$120-\$180
Family of 4	\$160-\$240
Family of 5	\$200-\$300
Family of 6	\$240-\$360

What Gifts Should I Give?

Each family will complete the Adopt-A-Family Application, which will include their “**bless list**”. We ask that each sponsor do their best to provide some of the requested gifts, when/if possible. This is not mandatory however. Sponsors who wish to go beyond the “bless list” items may do so as well.



Part 2

EFCS Adopt-A-Family (AAF) program is different from programs offered by other nonprofit organizations. Our program will not only adopt the family for Christmas but also have an option for the second ½ of the current school year or a full year for the upcoming school year. We will be there for students throughout the school year.

EFCS will:

1. make sure the student is ready for the school year
 - School clothes
 - School supplies
 - Hygiene products
2. meet with students, teachers and administration at the school (with parent consent);
3. attend parent teacher conferences with or without parents (with parent consent);
4. work with the student and parent to assist in his/her success in school and ensure that he/she has all the necessary tools.

Family Registration

- 1) Each family must complete the Adopt-A-Family registration process.
 - a) Applications must be dated **and** signed by a parent or legal guardian.
 - b) Parents/guardians will be contacted if additional information is needed.
- 2) The program will remain open until we have successfully identified families for each sponsor.
 - a) The application process will be closed once we have reached the maximum number of families.
 - b) Notifications to any partnering locations will be communicated.
- 3) Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are received and families will be selected based on need.

Family Pick-Up

- 1) Adopted families will pick up the family's items for the Holidays on **dates provided** at our main office, designated school or community center.
 - a) Each family will be informed of their pick-up locations.
- 2) Parents/guardians of adopted students for our extension program, will be contacted to arrange times for students to receive their school items throughout the school year.