



## Christ Church 2023 Christmas Angels Program

Dear Friends,

Thank you for “adopting” a family from Revive.

Enclosed are the following items: 1) a family information sheet, 2) instructions and “shopping hints”, 3) an in-kind contribution form (for income tax deductions), 4) an optional donation form for Revive, 5) box labels for you to copy and attach to your boxes, 5) a Donor Checklist.

### **INSTRUCTIONS. (Please read ALL instructions carefully!)**

1. ***Plan to spend a minimum of \$35-50 per person for their gifts.*** You may, of course, spend more. Purchase a minimum of two gifts per family member – again, you may choose to buy more but that is your decision. **All gifts should be purchased new – please do not send used clothing and toys.**
2. ***Include a Jewel gift card in the amount of \$20 per family member.*** Please put the gift cards in an envelope or box and/or wrap them, addressed to the parent(s), so they don't get lost among the other gifts.
3. ***Try to spend roughly the same amount on each child.*** Also make sure that each of the children in the family receive approximately the same number of gifts.
4. ***New gift category titled “Super Santa Gift Request”.*** In some cases your family sheet will include a “Super Santa Gift”, a substantial gift that will benefit the entire family. **Please note:** There is no expectation that you will buy a Super Santa gift, it is simply an option. If you do choose to buy one, you are not required to buy individual gifts as well -- however, we recommend that you buy something small for each individual family member so everyone has a gift to open. In addition, you will also note that while some of the Super Santa Gift Requests are for major items (like laptops or Smart TV's) some are for less expensive items (like blenders). Please use your judgment -- and remember that what you buy is your decision. If you'd like help making your choices or have additional questions, please feel free to call Julie Flood at 847-903-2390.
5. ***Wrap and tag each gift with the recipient's name and family #.*** Leave the store and manufacturer tags on (so they know it is new!) but cut off the prices. **ALWAYS PROVIDE GIFT RECEIPTS WHEREVER POSSIBLE** in case items do not fit.
6. ***Feel free to write a personal note to the family.*** DO NOT include any information about your last name or address. DO NOT include cash or checks. DO NOT include the family report.
7. ***Please pack all of the gifts in smaller cardboard boxes that can be carried by one person,*** as many of the families have to walk several blocks. Tape each box securely

closed. **Please do not use wicker or laundry baskets, plastic bins or bags of any kind that cannot be stacked.**

8. **Label each box on all 4 sides with the family's code and the sequence no. of the boxes** (ie: "family #CCW-5, 1 of 9", "family #CCW-5, 2 of 9",...etc.). **Please photocopy** and use the enclosed label form to label the boxes. They are easy for the Revive workers to see when they're distributing the gifts to families.
9. **Deliver all the boxes to the Library in the Parish House at Maple Street from 11:00am to 1:00pm Sunday, December 3rd, or from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Wednesday, December 4th – 6th.**
10. ***Leave your completed In-Kind Contribution Form*** in the envelope provided in the hall by the Maple Street church office, along with your ***optional*** donation to Revive, and check your name off the poster in the hall.

### **SHOPPING HINTS**

1. ***Recommended stores*** are Kohl's, Wal-Mart, Target, Costco, Marshalls, Home Goods, Old Navy and TJ Maxx (esp. for large sizes). These are easy for the recipients to make exchanges if they need to and are in the recipients' neighborhoods. **Online shopping is definitely an option, but be sure to order early enough to make sure you receive the ordered items on time, and enclose a receipt.**
2. It is recommended that you purchase items from the family's wish list (***especially winter coats and boots, or sheet/comforter sets if requested***). **You are NOT expected to buy everything on their list** unless you choose to. Gift cards to Target, Walmart and Kohls are a good backup if no specific wishes are given. Some general suggestions when no specific gift is specified:

Infants – warm outfits, educational toys, books;

Girls – Warm fleece top/sweater, PJs; toy or doll (Disney, Barbie, baby dolls, etc.); art supplies and craft sets; board/handheld game;

Boys – Warm clothing like fleece or sweat suit, pajamas; toy car or truck; board/handheld game; or sports item like basketball or soccer ball;

Teenage girls – Warm clothing like sweater or fleece, PJs; body and bath products, jewelry, watch, or purse.

Teenage boys – Warm clothing like hoody sweatshirt or fleece, PJs; hand-held electronic game; watch; sports item like basketball or soccer ball

Adults – Warm sweater, fleece, pajamas or robe; bath towels; toiletries; kitchen items; gift certificate (Kohl's, Target or Walmart)

In addition to these, you could also include socks, underwear, hat/scarf/ mittens, or other inexpensive items that the families might need.

Please call one of us if you have any questions! May you have a blessed and joyful holiday season -- and enjoy the "gift of giving!"

Gratefully,

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