

ADOPT A FAMILY

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

About Adopt a Family

Our annual Adopt-a-Family Program helps the low-income families we serve enjoy a holiday season full of warmth and joy without putting their financial stability at risk. With generous support from contributors like you, we will be able to provide gifts to families in need.

How it Works

Step 1: Fill out the form below to sign up. We will contact you once you've been matched.

Step 2: We will match you to a family that fits your requirements and send you their wishlist.

Step 3: You buy the gifts and deliver them to us unwrapped on November 17th, 18th or 19th between 9am and 6pm.

Step 4: Our volunteers will wrap the gifts. * Donors are more than welcome to join us.

Step 5: Families pick up their gifts in mid December and holiday cheer ensues.

Drop off Gifts in November

Nov 17 : 9 am - 6 pm

Nov 18 : 9 am - 6 pm

Nov 19 : 9 am - 6 pm



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Gift Guidelines

We kindly ask that all gifts are new, and that you give 2-4 gifts per child. Each should be valued between \$25-\$50. We also ask that you give one family gift valued up to \$100. Please consider giving families a gift card for a holiday diner from Safeway, Food Co, or Target.

FAQs

1. Can we have a tax receipt?

Yes, we provide a blank slip for you, you fill it out. We do not need a copy.

2. What is your tax id?

It is 94-3141608.

3. Tell me about Raphael house, who do you serve?

We help low income families achieve stable housing and financial independence by providing temporary shelter and resources to help them secure food, permanent housing, counseling and stability.

4. Do all of the families live in the shelter?

Some live in the shelter, some are in our Bridge Program. Bridge provides resources and support for the families after they have secured housing after their stay with us.

5. How long has adopt a family been in operation?

This will be our 12th year.

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FAQs cont'd

6. Is this a denominational or religious program?

No, its a seasonal gift drive. We are meeting needs of the diverse range of families we serve, which covers a wide range of faiths and backgrounds. We are offering donors an opportunity to give because tis the time of year when people reach out to us, but these needs are year round.

7. How do I know what to get?

We will send you a wishlist with your family's items. It will have drop off and labeling instructions.

8. What do most families ask for?

family gifts are usually blankets sheet sets, pots and pans, towels, and grocery gift cards so they can afford to cook their holiday dinner.

9. What do kids usually ask for?

Shoes, warm coats, hats and gloves, after that it depends on age. legos is always popular, teens love gift cards to places like Nike or Forever 21.

10. Can I donate my kids old toys?

No.

11. Can I donate some other used items while I donate my gifts?

No, we only take certain items. Please call our front desk to see if yours qualify.

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FAQs cont'd

12. Can I meet the family or hand the family the gift?

No, for confidentiality reasons we can't allow donors to meet with families. Please contact Kellen Sarver at ksarver@raphaelhouse.org or contact 415.345.7265 to learn more about our volunteer opportunities.

13. I can't make that early deadline, what are other options for giving?

Raphael House has volunteer opportunities available during the holidays which include staffing the Adopt-a-family drop-offs and pick-ups and helping to wrap gifts. In addition, volunteer opportunities are available year-round for individuals and groups. Please contact Kellen Sarver at ksarver@raphaelhouse.org or 415.345.7265 to learn more about our volunteer opportunities.

14. I only want to support a single child, no families, can I do that?

No, not for this particular program. Please contact us for more way to make an impact with the children living in our shelter.