ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2017
Children's Place Association’s
Holiday Giving Drive

Making the holidays special for children and families affected by poverty and illness in Chicago

What Is Adopt-a-Family?
Adopt-a-Family is Children’s Place Association’s Annual Holiday Giving Drive. Families facing extreme poverty and illness are matched with a kind-spirited individual, family or company.

Children’s Place families often struggle to meet basic needs like shelter and food, and often can’t afford to buy holiday gifts. Adopt-a-Family helps make the holiday season special for these families who are facing much more than illness.

How Does Adopt-a-Family Work?
1. An interested donor completes the attached registration form.
   - Not sure what family size to adopt? We suggest calculating $25 - $50 per family member, plus the cost of grocery gift cards ($10 per family member is recommended) when examining your (or your team’s) budget.

2. Children’s Place anonymously matches the donor with a client family or more than one family, if requested, and receives their wish list(s) electronically. Wish lists include each family member’s age, gender, clothing sizes & wish requests.

3. The donor then uses the wish list as a guide when shopping.

4. Children’s Place requests that:
   - Each family member receives between two and four gifts.
   - The total value of gifts per person does not exceed $100.

5. The donor also purchases a Jewel or Aldi gift card for the family (to purchase ingredients for their holiday meal). We recommend the equivalent of $10 per family member.

6. The donor drops off the unwrapped gifts in boxes or bags to the Children’s Place Association’s Residence (3059 W. Augusta, Chicago) on one of the following days . . .

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7. Gifts are then delivered to client families in time for the holiday season!

Helpful Hints & Guidelines

✔ Please purchase the grocery gift cards from Jewel or Aldi.
   The vast majority of our clients do not have access to Mariano’s, Target, Meijer, or Wal-Mart.

✔ Gifts should not be extravagant.
   Stores like Target, TJ Maxx and Wal-Mart are great shopping spots!

✔ You are not obliged to purchase the exact gifts requested.
   Use the family’s Wish List as a guide.

✔ Want to purchase something extra, but don’t know what to buy?
   Families often need essentials like toiletries.

✔ Many donors will share a family with friends or co-workers.
   This is a great way to help a large client family!

✔ Please refrain from giving used items or clothing through the Adopt-a-Family program.