

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 . . .

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	November 27 8AM – 4PM	November 28 8AM – 4PM	November 29 8AM – 4PM	November 30 8AM – 4PM	December 1 Office Closed	
	December 4 8AM – 4PM	December 5 8AM – 4PM	December 6 8AM – 4PM	December 7 8AM – 4PM	December 8 8AM – 4PM	December 9 12PM – 4PM
December 10 12PM – 4PM LAST DAY!						

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.**