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For over 30 years, the Department of Public Social Services’ (DPSS) Adopt-A-Family Program has brought joy to families during the holiday season. Last year the Adopt-A-Family Program provided gifts of clothing, toys, food and other items to over 950 families.

Sponsors are matched with a family and given a wishlist. The Sponsor selects new items for the holiday gift package and delivers the gifts to the family. Request may include grocery items, clothing, gift certificates, food baskets or toys.

Sponsoring a family is a wonderful way to celebrate the holidays. It is a great project for families, co-workers, organizations, clubs and schools. You can make a difference in the community by remembering the true meaning of the holiday season. Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile program!

This longstanding tradition matches sponsors with those undergoing a hardship during the holiday season.

Interested in Becoming a Sponsor? Registration begins September through December.

For more information regarding the Adopt-A-Family Program, please contact us at:

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Make a difference this holiday season!

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“Making a Difference”
Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services identifies families/individuals who are in need during the holiday season. Services provided by DPSS include: CalWORKs (low-income families), CalFresh, Medi-Cal, and In-Home Supportive Services consumers (low-income elderly, blind or disabled individuals, including children).

- The families/individuals provide their consent for release of limited personal information to the sponsor. This information includes their name, telephone number, address, family size, and most importantly, a “wish list.”

- The “wish list” is provided to you and you assemble the new selected gifts that are within your budget. No gift is too small and there is no minimum required.

- As a sponsor, you contact the family to get more detailed information on what is needed or wanted and make arrangements for delivery or pick up of items (NOTE: For privacy reasons, it is recommended to block your phone number by dialing *67 when contacting the families).

Family(ies) or Individuals with any type of open case with the Department of Public Social Services can be part of the Adopt-A-Family program. The family(ies) or consumers must meet one of the following criteria:

- Recent homelessness/unstable living situation
- Illness or recent death in the family
- Recent job loss
- Family has a special needs child
- Elderly/disabled individuals

How Does it Work?

Participants:

Thank you so much for taking the time to buy us these wonderful presents. Both myself and my family are very appreciative of your love and support you could provide us through this wonderful program. Have a blessed holiday.

We are really thankful for the help you have provided to me and my family. Christmas will be great this year. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

There is nothing more rewarding than knowing a group of people can come together to give this family something to look forward to. The appreciation from the family cannot be captured in a photograph but seeing a child light up is the best emotion anyone can have. We look forward to doing this again in 2018!

Our Production team, rose to the occasion. We hope we gave our family a Christmas to remember. They were a sweet family and we will definitely participate again. Next year, we’ll request more than one family.

Sponsors: