

Lend a 'Helping Hand'...Participate in DPSS' Adopt-A-Family Program

Bring joy to someone's life this holiday season and become a sponsor in the Department of Public and Social Services (DPSS) *Adopt-A-Family* program. Each year, this heartfelt and longstanding tradition continues to bring smiles to hundreds of needy families served by DPSS.

Los Angeles County staff, individuals, groups, community members, and local businesses can all participate in this joyous and gratifying event by sponsoring families. Sponsors are provided with the "adoptee's" contact information along with their "wish list" of requested items. These items range from grocery items, clothing, gift certificates, or toy requests. The 'Spirit of Giving' is contagious and numerous volunteers who in past years have participated in this program have voiced this heartfelt sentiment. Volunteers so enjoy participating in the program that some gather together family, friends, and co-workers and hold "gift basket parties" where each person contributes items and their personal touch to the specially prepared holiday baskets. This activity is fun for the volunteers and a delight for the beneficiaries to receive!

The *Adopt-A-Family* program's continued success can be attributed to the hundreds of volunteers that see the program as a worthwhile endeavor and generously donate their time and gifts. Los Angeles is fortunate to have caring people sharing and bringing joy to those in need.

The *Adopt-A-Family* program is the gift that can be enjoyed and cherished year-round by the "adoptee" and sponsor alike. If you, a group of co-workers, family members, or friends are looking to make a difference this Holiday Season, the *Adopt-A-Family* is the program for you. Choose to make a difference in someone's life this holiday season and keep the spirit of effective and caring service alive. **MAKE A DIFFERENCE! SPONSOR A NEEDY FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS. PARTICIPATE IN DPSS' ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM.** For more information call (213) 744-4348 or e-mail dpssvolunteers@dpss.lacounty.gov no later than Friday, November 19, 2010.

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

-Sir Winston Churchill