



County of Los Angeles
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Make a difference this holiday season!

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 928 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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ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

"Making a Difference"



**The Adopt-A-Family Program
assists low income families and
individuals serviced by DPSS**

How Does it Work?

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**

Participants:

"I am very thankful because you made my holiday the best. My brothers and I felt overwhelmed because we were going to get a Christmas."

"Thank you for the presents, if it wasn't for you, we wouldn't have gotten anything."

Sponsors:

"We are really happy to be able to help. I was raised in Ireland, we had nothing. We were 8 children in a 3 bed 1 bath house with no heating struggling. Our family never had much, we relied heavily on state help. I appreciate everything I have now and it means a lot to me to be able to help others. I don't need a necklace or purse from my husband. This is what I want."

"The 2015 DPSS Adopt-A-Family Program was a huge success with our department! We all came together as an office and love the fact we're helping a family this holiday season."