

ST. FRANCIS COMMUNITY SERVICES SOUTHSIDE CENTER
ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS 2019
Gift Guidelines

Please follow these giving guidelines:

1. Please do not give used gifts at this time. This is a special occasion.
2. Purchase and wrap at least one new gift for each child and adult. Use the family description to search for clues about gift ideas.
3. Clearly label each present with the name of the designated family member to make this a personalized experience for each person.
4. Purchase some household items in addition to your gifts for the individual family members.
5. Clearly label every present and/or container of presents with the assigned number of your adopted family.
6. Make sure gift cards are presented/affixed in a way that they will not be lost or be discarded with wrapping paper. Please indicate the amount of the gift card on the outside of the gift card to help our families that are unfamiliar with checking gift card balances, and if possible, **provide the receipt for the gift card with the amount.** Do not give cash or checks.
7. Consider telling your adopted family about yourself and your family or group in a card or letter that you include with your gifts.

Gift Suggestion List

Children/Adolescents

Clothing, shoes, toys, culturally appropriate dolls/figurines, games, balls, books, small/handheld electronics, gift cards designated for the specific child to discount stores such as Target or Wal-Mart (no guns or other violent toys). Teens especially appreciate gift cards clearly designated for them.

Adults

Clothing, shoes, outerwear, wallets, purses, jewelry, cosmetics, watches, prepaid long distance phone cards, gift cards designated for the specific adult to discount stores such as Target and Wal-Mart or gas stations such as QuikTrip.

Household Item Suggestion List

(To be purchased in addition to at least one gift per household member)

Food

Grocery store gift cards to Sav A Lot, Aldi, or Schnucks, small appliances (ex. toaster oven, crock pot)

Paper Products

Paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, Kleenex

Toiletries

Lotion, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, bath soap, hand soap, razors

First Aid

Bands-Aids, aspirin, ibuprofen, Tylenol, Neosporin, Pepto-Bismol, Tums, Ben Gay

Baby Supplies

Diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream, baby shampoo, baby lotion

Cleaning Supplies

Laundry detergent, dishwashing detergent, Pine Sol, Windex, Clorox wipes, garbage bags, laundry basket

Linens

Sheets, pillow cases, bath and kitchen towels

Miscellaneous

2020 calendar, stamps, batteries, light bulbs, flashlights, umbrellas, family games, gift cards for family outings (movie theatre, Magic House, trampoline parks, the City Museum, etc.), gas station gift cards

Deliver your items to St. Francis Community Services Southside Center on **December 9 or December 10, 2019, between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.** Please call Meredith Rataj at 314.773.6100 ext. 103 or email her at mrataj@ccstl.org with questions or concerns.

¡Gracias * Cam On * Thank You!