

# Sponsor A Family

For the Holidays



*Bring Joy & Cheer to a family in need this holiday season!*

EACH YEAR MAMMA'S HANDS CONNECTS FAMILIES IN NEED WITH SPONSORS IN THE COMMUNITY. SPONSORS UPLIFT AND INSPIRE FAMILIES DURING A TIME WHEN LIFE'S CHALLENGES CAN FEEL OVERWHELMING. THROUGH THE KINDNESS OF OUR SPONSORS, WE HAVE MAINTAINED A 100% SPONSORSHIP RATE.

**IN 2020, WE WILL SPONSOR OVER 90 MOTHERS & CHILDREN.**



**GET MATCHED  
WITH A FAMILY  
IN NEED**



**RECEIVE  
WISHLISTS &  
START SHOPPING**



**DELIVER GIFTS  
TO THE HOUSE  
OF HOPE**

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## IS THERE A DEADLINE TO APPLY AS A SPONSOR?

**Yes.** Due to the time needed to sort and distribute donated items to families for the holidays, all gifts need to be dropped off no later than **Monday, December 7th at 5pm.** If you miss the deadline and still want to give, giftcards will still be accepted.

## DO I HAVE TO BUY EVERYTHING ON THE FAMILY'S WISHLIST?

No, the wishlist is a guide to inform sponsors of the types of items the family needs this holiday season. All gifts are at the donor's discretion. **You will be asked to submit an itemized list of all gifts donated to the family when you drop off the gifts.** Please see the House of Hope Gift Guide for gift suggestions.

## DO GIFTS HAVE TO BE NEW?

**Yes, due to COVID-19 all items given through the Sponsor a Family program must be new.** You may wrap the gifts as long as they are properly labeled. If you would like to donate gently used items, please contact [darcy@mammashands.org](mailto:darcy@mammashands.org) for more information.

## ARE THERE ANY ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED?

**Yes,** per shelter policy we cannot accept the following items: candles, electric blankets, space heaters, incense, wax warmers, any product containing alcohol (e.g. shaving cream, mouthwash, etc.), toy guns or toys of a violent nature, movies over PG-13 rating, beauty or other products containing cannabis or CBD oil, etc

## CAN I WRAP THE GIFTS I PURCHASE FOR MY FAMILY?

**Yes,** we suggest that you wrap all gifts and include a label or tag with the name (or gender & age) and contents of gift.

## CAN I GIVE THE FAMILY MONEY?

**No, but gift cards are acceptable.** Gift cards are a great option because it gives families the flexibility and freedom to manage their spending.

## WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO DROP OFF GIFTS?

Your drop-off deadline is **Monday, December 7th at 5pm.** This will allow enough time to get your gifts into the hands of the families you adopted before the holidays. **You must schedule an appointment to drop off your gifts by reaching out to [kimberly@mammashands.org](mailto:kimberly@mammashands.org) or 206-915-2073.** We will arrange a no-contact drop off due to COVID-19.

## CAN I MEET THE FAMILY AND DELIVER GIFTS MYSELF?

**No.** Due to the current pandemic, for the safety of donors, families and staff we will not allow sponsors to meet with the family. You will receive a thank you card from your family.

## CAN I SEND GIFTS ONLINE TO THE HOUSE OF HOPE?

**Yes,** this is a great option if you live out of the area or want a no contact option. Please contact [kimberly@mammashands](mailto:kimberly@mammashands) for details.

## WHERE DO I DROP OFF GIFTS?

**Gifts can be dropped off at the House of Hope by appointment only.** Please contact [kimberly@mammashands.com](mailto:kimberly@mammashands.com) to schedule a pickup.

## INSTEAD OF SPONSORING, CAN I JUST MAKE A DONATION?

Yes. Donations are greatly appreciated especially now when the need is so great. You can make a donation at our website [mammashands.org](http://mammashands.org) or mail a check to **PO BOX 40464 Bellevue, WA 98015**. Does your business contribute through Employee Matching Funds? This is another excellent option to double your impact. For more information, please contact [kimberly@mammashands.org](mailto:kimberly@mammashands.org).

## WHO SHOULD I REACH OUT TO WITH QUESTIONS?

To schedule a drop off or if you have wish list questions, please reach out to our Resident Manager, Darcy Walker at [darcy@mammashands.org](mailto:darcy@mammashands.org) or 206-915-2073. For all other inquiries, please email [Kimberly@mammashands.org](mailto:Kimberly@mammashands.org).



# THE HOUSE OF HOPE GIFT GUIDE

Once you are matched with a family (or families), we will send you information about your family such as current needs, clothing sizes, hobbies, and wish list items. You do not have to buy everything on your family's wish list. Wish lists are meant to be a helpful guide to provide insight into what your family needs & wants this season.

**All gifts should be wrapped and delivered to the House of Hope by appointment and no later than Monday, December 7th at 5pm.** Please be sure to send an itemized list of the items you purchased (include clothing sizes) and properly label each gift.

## GIFT CARDS & CERTIFICATES

Gift cards allow moms to have flexibility and freedom to purchase gifts for their families. We also encourage gift certificates and admission tickets for the Zoo, Aquarium, Museums, Movies, and other family friendly activities. These activities are great ways for families to bond and create special memories.

## GIFT IDEAS FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

- Warm clothing such as hats, boots, coats, pants, and long sleeved shirts
- Stuffed animals
- Age appropriate toys (no small pieces)
- Toys that promote healthy development
- Books or DVDS



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STEFANIE P.

## GIFT IDEAS FOR TEENS

- Hygiene products, deodorant, face & body wash
- Makeup, fashion accessories
- Games, puzzles, Lego sets
- Books, DVDS, headphones
- Art sets, art supplies, notebooks, pens
- Gift cards (Movie Tickets, Target, Fred Meyers, Walmart, Starbucks, McDonalds)
- Warm socks, gloves, hat, scarf

## GIFT IDEAS FOR MOMS

- Specialty chocolates, candy, coffee or tea
- Calendar, planner, journal, pens
- Art supplies, calligraphy set, bullet journal, crochet/knitting set
- Hygiene products, makeup, face mask, lotion
- Tickets for the Zoo, Aquarium, Museum or other family activities
- Room or bathroom decor
- Gas, grocery or clothing gift cards
- Warm coat, clothing, undergarments, shoes
- Fuzzy socks, gloves, hat, scarf, throw blanket

ALL GIFTS MUST BE DELIVERED BY MONDAY DECEMBER 7TH  
IN ORDER TO MAKE IT TO YOUR FAMILY  
IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS.

*Thank you so much for making the holidays  
merry and bright this season for homeless  
families in the community.*

