



Holiday Greetings

Adam's Angels Ministry has begun preparing for the holidays! You requested adopting a childhood cancer family to deliver blessings and bring the Spirit of Christmas to them!

The Adopt-A-Family's main purpose is to spread holiday cheer by providing Christmas to those families who find the season especially difficult while coping with a child diagnosed with cancer or having recently lost a child to cancer.

You have requested to sponsor a family or donating to **Adopt-A-Family for the Holidays**. Please complete the enclosed "Sponsor Request Form" and mail it as soon as possible to:

Adam's Angels Ministry, P O. Box 2573, Brenham, Texas 77834-2573

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the AAM office at 979-836-0955 or via e-mail at: dculliver@AdamsAngelsMinistry.org

Adam's Angels Ministry began adopting families for Christmas in 2004. AAM works hand-in-hand with Candlelighters in receiving families who are open to having the spirit of Christmas delivered to them. Last year, Candlelighters adopted out over 200 families to generous sponsors; AAM was one of those generous sponsors in making Christmas brighter for approximately 20 families. We ask you to help us embrace families who have children with cancer and ease the holiday season for those families facing the difficult diagnosis of cancer.

This heartwarming program offers the Sponsors the opportunity to personally interact with the families. This contact is especially important for the family and the sponsor in celebrating the true meaning of the holidays. Our Adopt-A-Family program serves those families in not only financial need, but those families in emotional need. Our program recognizes that the diagnosis of childhood cancer affects the entire family. Adopt-A-Family offers help and hope during the holiday season.

Enclosed you will find the AAM's Adopt-A-Family Program Sponsor Guidelines for you to review. By completing the "Sponsor Request Form" you will advise us of the family or size of family you are willing to adopt. AAM will in turn provide you with the family "Holiday Wish List."

If you are unable to actually purchase and deliver the gifts, but would like to make a monetary donation to Adopt-A-Family, AAM's Angel Helpers will, through your donation, purchase gifts for your assigned family.

We thank you for choosing to sponsor a family and receive a blessing this Christmas. We look forward to working with you to make our Adopt-A-Family program successful.



Adam's Angels Ministry Adopt-A-Family for the Holidays Sponsor Guidelines

The purpose of the Adopt-A-Family program is to assist childhood cancer families during a time of great emotional crisis and/or financial need. These families are either coping with a child diagnosed with cancer, have a child survivor of cancer, or they have lost a child to cancer. To ensure that this is a rewarding and positive experience for both the families and the sponsors, we ask that you adhere to the following guidelines:

- To ensure that our families are adopted in time for the holiday season **please return your "Sponsor Request Form List" to the AAM office as soon as possible.**
- Sponsors wishing to purchase and deliver gifts for a family will be provided with a "Holiday Wish List" from their adopted family. **When you receive your Adopt-A-Family "Holiday Wish List", we encourage you to call the family immediately and let them know that you are their sponsor.**

The guidelines Candlelighters suggest is a maximum of three gifts totaling \$50 or less for each family member. This is totally your choice as a family if you decide to purchase more. We ask that you try to keep the number of packages even for the children because they do count. A diagnosed child should not be singled out for more gifts. We also recommend focusing on a family theme and providing holiday treats that all members of the family may enjoy together. Below is a list of popular gift ideas for your adopted family:

- ❖ "Holiday Wish List" items as requested.
 - ❖ Clothing items: shoes, jackets, jeans, or pajamas.
 - ❖ Gift certificates: from a grocery store for a holiday meal or a family-dining restaurant, from a clothing store, video store, a movie theater, zoo passes. Kids enjoy gift certificates from McDonalds, Chuck E. Cheese, Chick-Fil-A or other child friendly places.
 - ❖ Gas cards help with the high cost of gas.
 - ❖ Drug store cards help with over-the-counter medical supplies.
 - ❖ Holiday Gifts, Christmas tree, Menorah or other appropriate decorations or stocking stuffers.
- Gifts for the adopted family are to be wrapped and delivered by sponsors from **December 1st – December 15th, unless other arranged with the family.**
 - Sponsors are encouraged to purchase and deliver gifts to the families personally; however monetary donations are accepted as well. AAM Angel Helpers will shop, wrap and deliver the gifts to the families with monies received through monetary donations. Sponsors wishing to make monetary donations need only complete the applicable sections of the "Sponsor Request Form List" and mail it along with their donation to AAM at the address on the previous page.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Donna Culliver at 979-836-0955 or via email at dculliver@AdamsAngelsMinistry.org.