

# ADOPT-a-FAMILY 2015

## The Children's Place Association's Holiday Giving Drive

*Making the holidays special for children and families  
affected by poverty and illness in Chicago*

### What Is Adopt-a-Family?

Adopt-a-Family is The Children's Place Association's Annual Holiday Giving Drive. Families facing extreme poverty and illness are matched with a kind-spirited individual, family or company.

Children's Place families often struggle to meet basic needs like shelter and food, and often can't afford to buy holiday gifts. Adopt-a-Family helps make the holiday season special for these families who are facing much more than illness.

### How Does Adopt-a-Family Work?

1. An interested donor completes the attached registration form.
  - ❖ **Not sure what family size to adopt?** We suggest calculating \$20 - \$40 per family member, plus the cost of grocery gift cards (\$20 for families smaller than four, and \$40 for families of four or more) when examining your (or your team's) budget.
2. The Children's Place anonymously matches the donor with a client family or more than one family if requested and receives their wish list(s) electronically. Wish lists include each family member's age, gender, clothing sizes & wish requests.
3. The donor then uses the wish list as a guide when shopping.
4. Children's Place requests that:
  - ❖ Each family member receives one or more gift, but no more than four gifts per person.
  - ❖ The total value of gifts per person does not exceed \$100.
5. The donor also purchases a \$20 Jewel or Aldi gift card for the family (to purchase ingredients for their holiday meal). Two \$20 gift cards are requested for families of four people or more.
6. The donor drops off the unwrapped gifts in boxes or bags to The Children's Place Association's Residence (3059 W. Augusta, Chicago) on one of the following days . . .

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>November 30</b> 8AM – 4PM	<b>December 1</b> 8AM – 4PM	<b>December 2</b> 8AM – 4PM	<b>December 3</b> 8AM – 4PM	<b>December 4</b> 8AM – 4PM	
	<b>December 7</b> 8AM – 4PM	<b>December 8</b> 8AM – 4PM	<b>December 9</b> 8AM – 4PM	<b>December 10</b> 8AM – 4PM	<b>CPA OFFICES CLOSED NO DROP-OFFS</b>	<b>December 12</b> 12PM – 4PM
<b>December 13</b> 12PM – 4PM <b>LAST DAY!</b>						

7. Gifts are then delivered to client families in time for the holiday season!

### Helpful Hints & Guidelines

- ✓ **Please purchase the grocery gift cards from Jewel or Aldi.**  
The vast majority of our clients do not have access to Mariano's, Target, Meijer, or Wal-Mart.
- ✓ **Gifts should not be extravagant.**  
Stores like Target, TJ Maxx and Wal-Mart are great shopping spots!
- ✓ **You are not obliged to purchase the exact gifts requested.**  
Use the family's Wish List as a guide.
- ✓ **Want to purchase something extra, but don't know what to buy?**  
Families often need essentials like toiletries.
- ✓ **Many donors will share a family with friends or co-workers.**  
This is a great way to help a large client family!
- ✓ **Please refrain from giving used items or clothing through the Adopt-a-Family program.**  
That said, we will gladly accept "lightly used" items as a general donation to The Children's Place Association.

Questions? Email us at <mailto:adoptafamily@childrens-place.org>





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### DONOR REGISTRATION FORM

Donor/Organization Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

*You must include your e-mail address, so that we can send you your family's wish list.*

I/We will participate in Adopt-a-Family 2015 and will provide all of the following per family:

- ❖ One gift per family member
- ❖ One \$20 Jewel or Aldi gift card (or two gift cards for families of four+ people)

I/We would like to adopt a family with this many people:  2 – 3       4 – 5       6 – 7

8 – 9       10 – 11

*If you would like to adopt more than one family please write the number of families next to the family sizes above.*

Special Requests *(The Children's Place will do its best to meet the needs of donors but cannot guarantee special requests will be met):*

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I/We understand that all gifts and gift cards must be dropped off unwrapped in bags or boxes by Sunday, December 14 at 5 PM to The Children's Place Association's Residence (3059 W. Augusta, Chicago) **\*Please note, there is no signboard outside of the Residence. It is located to the right of the park district building and there is street parking.** I/We will provide gift receipts when possible. EACH bag/box dropped off must be clearly labeled with the respective client family number.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Donor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please e-mail this completed form to [adoptfamily@childrens-place.org](mailto:adoptfamily@childrens-place.org).

Questions? E-mail us at the above e-mail address.

**Thank you for brightening the holidays of a Children's Place family!**