

# Christmas Cheer of Alamance County

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## Sponsor Guidelines 2023

- If the family you have contacted is not a good fit for you, please let us know and you may select another.
- If for any reason you cannot sponsor your chosen family, call and/or return the paperwork to Christmas Cheer ASAP. *Christmas Cheer will provide for all children and elderly in any families returned to us.*

### SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

- 1) **PLEASE CALL YOUR FAMILY RIGHT AWAY.** These families are anxiously waiting to hear from you. Please call to let them know you have chosen their name from Christmas Cheer. If you get no response, please call the Christmas Cheer office at 336-229-9969 and we will assist you.
- 2) **New toys.** Remember that these children see the same TV commercials as other children and thus may have similar wish lists, but they are only wish lists; you provide what you can.
- 3) **Please provide new clothes and shoes for gifts** if a need has been indicated and you are able.
- 4) **Christmas dinner** if needed by supplying either groceries or a store gift card.
- 5) **Respond to any special requests** you are comfortable with.
- 6) We recommend allowing approximately \$250 per school-age child and \$75-\$100 for elderly. Although this amount will vary, please remember the gifts you provide may be the only ones they will receive this year.

***Do Not Give Cash!** If you want to pay a family's bill, please go to the utility company, e.g., and pay directly on their account.*

### FAMILY CONTACT

- 1) Visit your family at a safe location or contact them by phone.
- 2) It is recommended that (a) two people go together for this visit, especially if you are a male sponsor (b) the first visit should be made only by adults.
- 3) Ask any specific questions you may have *before* purchasing any gifts.
- 4) If the family requests a Christmas dinner, inquire about foods they cannot eat or consider a gift card.
- 5) If you plan on wrapping gifts, please check with your family. They may prefer to do their own wrapping.

### DELIVERY OF GIFTS

- 1) Select a date convenient for you and your family.
- 2) Have the family meet you outside of their home to transfer the gifts OR at a safe location away from the home.
- 3) Please deliver gifts to the family by December 20th.

### FAMILY NEEDS

Please realize that first appearances can be deceiving. There may be children among these cases who are suffering this season and year round. Thank you for "Keeping hope alive in the hearts of these children."

### NO FAMILY CONTACT

- 1) If you prefer no family contact when delivering gifts, you may bring your gifts to the Historic Depot in downtown Burlington:

**Drop off Dates: December 6-15**

**Location:** 200 S. Main St., Burlington (at the intersection of S. Main and Front St)

**Days/Times:** *Mondays & Tuesdays* - 12 - 5pm; *Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays* - 9am - 1pm

**If dropping off gifts at the Depot,** *please bring the family's paperwork and sort gifts by child in separate labeled boxes/bags.*

**For information on dropping gifts off at the Depot, call Christmas Cheer at 336-229-9969.**

- ♥ **After you have delivered your gifts,** PLEASE complete the backside of this form and return it to Christmas Cheer at [christmascheer@att.net](mailto:christmascheer@att.net) or mail to 331 S. Main St, Burlington 27215. Your feedback is extremely important for the continuing success of Christmas Cheer to provide for the children and elderly in need of our community.