

# Adopt A Family Frequently Asked Questions

## **HOW CAN I BE SURE THESE FAMILIES ARE REALLY IN NEED?**

The families participating in the Adopt A Family program have been identified by casework staff as being families in need. You are invited to acquaint yourself with the services we provide by visiting our website [www.nextdoormil.org](http://www.nextdoormil.org).

## **WHAT ARE THE COSTS INVOLVED?**

For first time participants, a small family is recommended. To provide a point of perspective, \$50 per family member may be used as a guide in establishing a cost base.

## **HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT TO PURCHASE?**

After registering, the sponsor will be provided with the family's wish list regarding clothing, toys and possibly household items on their family match. After a review of the information provided, the sponsor will decide what they would like to present in their holiday gift package. Consultation with Beverly Watkins, Marketing & Recruitment Specialist is always suggested in an attempt to gain insight as to what the family may need most. However, items such as food, basic toiletries and outer wear are always useful.

## **DO I HAVE TO BUY EVERYTHING ON THE LIST?**

Absolutely not. The sponsor is in no way expected to make excessive or expensive purchases.

## **WHAT IF I'M NOT ABLE TO SHOP FOR GIFTS BUT WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE?**

Monetary donations are accepted and used to purchase gift cards to a local supermarket and department store to assist families to shop for their holiday meal.

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF I REALIZE I AM UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE AFTER BEING MATCHED?**

We would need to know this as soon as possible. News of being adopted for the holiday brings tremendous relief from many stresses experienced by these families and efforts to locate another donor would be very important.

## **SHOULD THE GIFTS BE WRAPPED?**

Yes, all gifts donated should be new, wrapped and clearly labels with each participants first and last name. Sponsors will be provided instructions for labeling and delivery of gifts.

## **ARE THESE DONATIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?**

Next Door Foundation is a tax exempt entity. Receipts of purchases and correlating documents, should be retained for record keeping purposes. A letter of participation can be requested by contacting Beverly Watkins, Marketing and Recruitment Specialist at (414) 562-2929 ext. 229 or via e-mail at [bwatkins@nextdoormil.org](mailto:bwatkins@nextdoormil.org).