



Dear Faithful Christmas Donor,

Thank you for faithfully helping our community this Christmas! Your support makes the difference in hundreds of families' lives and your service is greatly appreciated to help bridge the gap of need in our community.

The Christmas Gift Giving Program is an opportunity for our community to come together to make sure needs are met and families are empowered and loved during the Christmas season. All receiving families participate in a **one-day pick up event** of gifts at CrossNet Ministries. Families can come and pick up their gifts, wrap the items themselves, talk to volunteers over cookies and hot chocolate, pick out some stocking stuffers and take their gifts home to give to their children on Christmas day.

As a donor, you will receive the information about a family in need. You will receive their names, ages, parents' names and Christmas Wish Lists. You can also decide the size of the family you would like to help. Once you receive the wish lists for your selected family please refer to the following details to help you finish the process:

- Please spend an equal amount on each child in the family you are purchasing for. You are welcome to provide a family/parent gift or gift card for the family. We suggest a local grocery store. It is up to you how much you choose to spend on a family. We also suggest purchasing one "want," one "need," and one "book."
- Please put gifts unwrapped in a large trash bag, staple/tie close and clearly print the child's first and last name on the bag, as well as the parents last name. This information is listed on each child's wish list. It is helpful to include gift receipts for clothing if possible.
- **Drop all gifts for the family at CrossNet Offices at 123 W. Franklin Street by December 7th at the latest!** (Please note purchases made online should be delivered prior to this date)
- **New options this year:**
 - If you want to be involved but do not have the time to shop for a whole family would you consider donating a gift card (i.e. Walmart, Target, Amazon) for a teen?
 - Be a secret shopper. Each year we get last minute gift requests and it is too late to match up with a donor. A secret shopper would take one of these requests and do last minute shopping for us. We can supply the gift cards.

If you wish to be a donor this year or for more information, contact Lisa at the CrossNet office 717-355-2454 or email us at lisa@elancocross.org. Or simply go to our website at www.elancocross.org to download a donor form. If possible, donor requests should be turned in by **Friday, November 8th** or sooner.

We are looking forward to partnering with you to make Christmas a little brighter!

Sincerely,
Meredith Dahl, Executive Director
Lisa Kerstetter, Office Manager