

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 on **Saturday, December 10, 2022**. Families come and pick up their gifts, wrap the items themselves, talk to volunteers over cookies and hot chocolate, get stocking stuffers and take their gifts home to give to their children on Christmas day.

As a donor, you will receive information about a family you have sponsored. You will receive the children's names, ages, parents' last name and a Wish List for each child. You can 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. It is up to you how much you choose to spend on a family. We also suggest purchasing at least one item from each of the categories on the list, "something to wear," "something they need," "something they want" and a "something to read." **Please include gift receipts especially or clothing.**
- *****NEW THIS YEAR!!** Teens in 9th grade or above can choose to participate in a **GIFT CARD ONLY** option! We all know how hard it can be to buy for older students, we hope this new option will help make your shopping task easier! So, as you look over your Wish List Forms you may notice that some older students will have only one section filled in with only a few gift card ideas. We suggest you take one or two of their suggestions and purchase a \$50 - \$75 gift card for each student that chooses this option. Label and return the gift card with your family gifts as instructed. As with all new things, we are sure there will be some questions and kinks so please feel free to reach out if you need any clarifications.
- You are welcome to provide a parent gift or gift card for the family. We suggest a gift card to a local grocery store.
- Please put **unwrapped gifts in a large black trash bag (one bag for each child)**, tie closed and clearly print the child's first & last name on the bag, as well as the parents last name. This information is listed on each child's Wish List. **PLEASE** include gift receipts for clothing and shoes if possible. *Feel free to make copies and use the optional bag identification tags in this packet for each of your sponsored children!*
- **Drop all gifts at CrossNet Youth Center at 110 W. Franklin Street during our Christmas Workshop hours Monday, December 5th through Wednesday, December 7th from 9:00 AM to 5:00PM! We will have a few evening hours as well, which will be published later.** (Please note gift purchases made online should be delivered to you **prior** to this date)
- **Optional Ways to Be Involved:**
 - Gift Card Donations: Older students love gift cards!! If you want to be involved but do not have the time to shop, would you consider donating a \$25-\$50 gift card (Walmart, Target, Amazon) for a teen?
 - Be a Volunteer: We need individuals to help during our Christmas Workshop and at our Giveaway Event on Saturday, December 11th. Space for groups is limited, please contact the office for details.

If you wish to be a donor or volunteer this year or for more information, contact Lisa at the office 717-355-2454, or email me 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 **Thursday, November 10th** or sooner.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Kerstetter, Director of Marketing & Events