



# CrossNet Christmas Gift Giving Program

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### **What is the Christmas Gift Giving Program?**

The CrossNet Christmas Program pairs community members with families who lack resources to buy Christmas gifts. All participating families are involved in the free lunch program and live in the ELANCO School District.

### **How Many Students Get Sponsored Each Year?**

Last year, more than 600 students were sponsored, that is around 215 families. We anticipate we will serve around 215 families again this year.

### **How Can I Sponsor A Child or Family this Christmas?**

We are always thankful and in need of donors like you, to sponsor children enrolled in this program. Donors fill out and email us an application. Once your application is processed you will receive Wish Lists and additional for the number of children you requested in your application. More detailed instructions are online at <https://elancocross.org/what-we-do/community-programs/> or simply email [lisa@elancocross.org](mailto:lisa@elancocross.org) or an application and details.

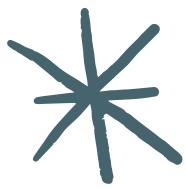
### **Can Businesses and Organizations Get Involved?**

Yes! We have lots of ways for businesses, organizations, & churches to get involved, especially in sponsorship of children! Many groups work together as a team to sponsor a number of children by dividing up the Wish List requests. Contact [lisa@elancocross.org](mailto:lisa@elancocross.org) for more details.

### **How Do I Know What Gifts to Buy?**

We will begin to send out WISH LISTS to sponsors (per your application) starting in October. Wish Lists will have gift ideas for each child of a family have requested. All gifts should be purchased new.





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### **How Much Money Should I Spend?**

We are asking donors to spend \$100 per child (i.e. \$400 for a family of four). Donors should spend equal amounts on each child gift(s) and if a child has checked the GIFT CARD OPTION a \$100 in gift card(s) should be given for each child with this option.

### **What is the Purpose of Spending \$100 Per Child/Student?**

It ensures that families will receive quality gifts and that the same dollar value is distributed evenly across all the families enrolled in the Christmas Gift Giving Program. If you are not sure how to shop we suggests donors use their \$100 to focus on the students "wants." CrossNet has various programs that can assist with some "essential" items such as clothing & food. If you typically spent more than \$100 on each child, we ask that you would stick to the \$100 and consider sponsoring an additional child or family.

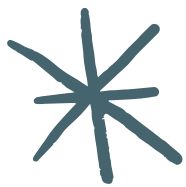
### **I Was Expecting Families to Ask for Necessities, But the Children I've Sponsored Have Asked for Electronic Games & Brand-Names Items.**

Keeping in mind that donors spend about \$100 per student, we also suggest participating families create a realistic wish list - keeping cost around \$50 for each item requested. Please remember, as a donor you do not have to fulfill all of the child's wishes. CrossNet is able to offer other resources so our families can receive many necessities that are needed over the holidays. Our hope is that you will use your wish list as shopping guide and have FUN!

### **What Should I Do If I Haven't Reached the \$100 Limit?**

Be creative and reach the limit! You can get something you think the child might enjoy based on their interests listed on the wish list. Gift cards can be a fun and great option! You can also, take advantage of some unique gift ideas advertised in Black Friday and Cyber Monday deals! Please note gifts purchased online should be delivered prior December 7.





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### Can I Purchase a Gift for the Parent or Guardian?

Yes! While this program is set up to bring Christmas joy to children a gift for a parent or guardian is very kind and can bring much encouragement! We suggest a \$25 gift card for groceries or gas.

### Should I Wrap the Gifts?

No. Please do not wrap the gifts. We would like to give parents the opportunity to wrap the gifts in order to share in the joy of the holidays with their children. If you are able, please provide a roll or two wrapping paper with your gifts.

### How Should I Label My Gifts?

Please put all unwrapped gifts in a large trash bag (one for each child), tie closed and clearly print the child's FIRST and LAST NAME on the bag, as well as the parent's last name. We have optional bag identification tags available in the donor packet & upon request. **PLEASE** include ALL gift receipts for shoes & clothing, this is extremely important.

### What if I Am Not a "Shopper" are There Other Ways to Get Involved?

We recognize not all our donors enjoy shopping or want to travel the distance to shop. Here are a few other ways to get involved:

- **Gift Card Donations:** Older students love gift cards! Would you consider donating \$25-\$50 gift cards for a teen? We suggest Walmart, Target, Amazon gift cards.
- **Stocking Stuffer Collections:** Donate small items such as gum, candy, socks, toiletries, small toys to be used as stocking stuffer items.
- **Cookies:** If you love to bake, we are always in need of cookies for our volunteers and parents during Workshop Week and at our Giveaway Event
- **Wrapping Paper & Tape:** This basic need is used at our Giveaway Event.

### Can I Make a Monetary Donation Instead?

Absolutely! Please visit our website at [elancocross.org](http://elancocross.org) & click on the DONATE tab to donate. Please designate your donation for the Christmas Program and send contributions to the following address:

CrossNet Ministries  
Attention: Christmas Program  
PO Box 154, New Holland, PA 17557





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### **How Does The Family Receive the Gifts?**

Families will pick-up their gifts on Saturday, December 9, at the CrossNet Ministries Youth Center, located at 110 W. Franklin Street, New Holland. All gifts will be given to families during this one-day Christmas Event. Parents come, pick-up their gifts, wrap them, choose some stocking stuffers and engage with volunteers over cookies and hot chocolate.

### **How Do I Drop Off My Gifts?**

Drop off all gifts and stocking stuffers at the CrossNet Youth Center at 110 W. Franklin Street, New Holland during our Christmas Workshop week. See specific dates below:

Monday, December 4th between 9AM - 7PM

Tuesday, December 5th between 9AM - 7PM

Wednesday, December 6th between 9AM - 7PM

Thursday, December 7th between 9AM- 2PM

### **If I Cannot Drop My Gifts Off During Those Times?**

Please make every effort to drop off your gifts and stocking stuffer donations during the allotted times. If you cannot make any of these times work, please contact [lisa@elancocross](mailto:lisa@elancocross) to schedule a different drop date and time.

### **Can I Volunteer to Help With the Christmas Program?**

Yes! We need individuals to help during our Christmas Workshop week and at our Giveaway Event on Saturday, December 9. An online volunteer sign-up will be available in November for interested individuals. Space for groups is limited, please contact Lisa for more details.

**Thank you for participating in the 2023 Christmas Gift Giving Program and making this Christmas season special for our families!**  
**For all other questions, please contact 717-355-2454 or email [lisa@elancocross.org](mailto:lisa@elancocross.org).**

