



Adopt-A-Family Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for considering adopting a family in need through our Holiday Cheer program. Below, please find frequently asked questions and basic information that may be helpful as you proceed with your gift giving for adopted families.

- 1. How are families chosen to be adopted?** The families are members of our community, as well as participants receiving a subsidy while a part of the Share ASPIRE Housing Program.
- 2. Will I be able to meet my family?** Share takes the privacy of our clients very seriously, and due to that we are unable to arrange for clients to meet with donors. We will ensure you have an opportunity to learn the depth and effect of your support.
- 3. How will I know the ages and genders to buy for, what they want, and what they need?** Each family is given a form to fill out for each person in the family. The form includes: name, age, gender, clothing and shoe size, favorite colors and more to better assist with your donation selection. The family will also be able to indicate if household items are needed, such as a vacuum, dishes, silverware, or bedding. Please donate NEW ITEMS only.
- 4. How does my family purchase their holiday meal?** Many of our clients are unable to afford a holiday meal. Please consider providing a food box with your family's gifts. It is recommended that the box contain non-perishable food items for a holiday dinner and a gift card for perishable items. An alternative is to provide a gift certificate so that they may choose items themselves.
- 5. What happens to my gifts if my family moves or is terminated from Share's programs?** For ASPIRE, if a family is terminated, the children will receive their gifts, but the parents will not. However, as we move towards the Housing First model, it is not often that someone is terminated from the program. If our clients move, they remain in contact because they know they are going to receive the assistance for this Christmas. We adopt most of our graduates (families with children) who graduated in the current calendar year.
- 6. Do the donation receipts need to be filled out for each family?** Yes. To ensure that we deliver every item that you donate for the family, please fill out the donation receipt form provided to help us track the gifts and the number of items. Please itemize all donations given for each family adopted. Each family should have its own receipt form. To save time during the delivery process, please complete these forms prior to coming. All donations should be brought unwrapped to our Fromhold Service Center.
- 7. Other important information:**
 - Remember, the holiday gift items that you provide must be new and unwrapped.
 - Cost per family member is typically \$75 to \$100. You are welcome to partner with others to support a family.
 - After the holidays, families write a thank you note that will be forwarded to you.
 - The dates for donation drop-off will be December 6th through December 11th in specific time slots (note: excludes December 10th, on which date the office will be closed). **We ask that you deliver to the location below and only on your scheduled date and time.** This is to ensure that we will have adequate staff and volunteers available to receive and confirm the donations. When we provide the information about your family, we will also tell you the date and time for your drop-off. Gifts will be distributed to families December 13th through December 15th.

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Please contact Becky West, Office Manager, at 360-952-8223 or adminassistant@sharevancouver.org with additional questions.

**Thank you for your gift of caring. We could not do it without you.
We wish you a wonderful holiday season!**