



## Adopt-A-Family Program

Thank you for your interest in adopting a family for the holidays. Our program assists low income families in the inner-city to have a blessed and brighter holiday season. You can adopt a single child or an entire family. Our goal is to make sure all children are adopted for the holidays. We have also added an extension to this program, where children are adopted for the entire school year. Please see additional information below after the holiday information.

### How it works

We have provided a detailed blessed list and family profile for each of our families. Sponsors then “adopt” a family and purchase the items on the child’s blessed list. Items will be delivered to our drop off location, labeled with the family name and each members’ name on it. The 2018 program registration **starts on November 11th and ends November 16<sup>th</sup>**. **All sponsorships and donations are due from sponsors by December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Our organization will wrap gifts and distribute them to families and individuals.

### How much should you spend?

We’ve provided some information to help you determine how much you should spend on your adopted family or individual. Please note, these are only suggestions.

Family Size	Suggested Amount
Individual	\$50-\$75
Family of 2	\$80-\$120
Family of 3	\$120-\$180
Family of 4	\$160-\$240
Family of 5	\$200-\$300
Family of 6	\$240-\$360

### What Gifts Should I Give?

Each family will provide EFCS or our partnering community center designees with their “**bless list**”. We ask that each sponsor do their best to provide the requested gifts, as well as a grocery store gift card to allow families to purchase and prepare a holiday meal. Of course, if you would like to go above and beyond the requested items, we’re sure that will be perfectly fine with the family.



## Part 2

EFCS Adopt-A-Family (AAF) program is different from programs offered by other nonprofit organizations. Our program will not only adopt the family for Christmas but for the entire school year. We will be there when school starts and when it ends.

EFCS will:

1. make sure the student is ready for the school year
  - School clothes
  - School supplies
  - Hygiene products
2. meet with students, teachers and administration at the school;
3. attend parent teacher conferences with or without parents;
4. work with the student and parent to assist in his/her success in school and ensure that he/she has all the necessary tools.

### Family Registration

- 1) Each family must complete the Adopt-A-Family registration process.
  - a) Applications must be dated **and** signed by a parent or legal guardian.
  - b) Parents/guardians will be contacted if additional information is needed.
- 2) The program will remain open until we have successfully identified families for each sponsor.
  - a) The application process will be closed once we have reached the maximum number of families.
  - b) Notifications to designees at the partnering community locations will be completed.
- 3) Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are received by EFCS and our partnering community locations.

### Family Pick-Up

- 1) Adopted families will pick up the family's items for the Holidays on **dates provided** at designated community locations.
  - a) Each family will be informed of their pick-up locations.
- 2) Parents/guardians of adopted students for our extension program, will be contacted to arrange times for students to receive their school items throughout the school year.