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United Way  
of Johnson County



## CHRISTMAS ANGELS FAMILY SPONSOR INFORMATION

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

-  Once you have completed and returned your Family Sponsor form to the United Way of Johnson County, you should receive a confirmation email to let you know we have received your form and are working to match you with a family/families. Once matched, you will be called or emailed with the information. If we receive your sponsor form prior to November 19, 2018, you will have your match/es by November 20, 2018. Sponsor forms received after November 19th will be matched as soon as possible.
-  The Christmas Angels Program is designed to provide gifts for children (newborn to 17) of Johnson County residents who would otherwise not have a Christmas. Families must income qualify to be eligible for the program.
-  There are two ways families can receive assistance through the Christmas Angels Program. After families complete an application, they are either matched to a sponsor (limited in number) or will be invited to shop at the Angel Tree Store.
-  Christmas Angels is not intended to supplement other Christmas assistance that families may receive through family members, organizations such as Salvation Army, or a local church that has their own program. If you determine that you are matched to a family who is already receiving assistance, the United Way will match you to another family.
-  We ask that you provide at least one toy and one outfit (example: shirt and pants or shoes and pants) for each child. The recommendation is to spend at least \$100 per child. We would encourage your consideration of sponsoring more children/families rather than excessive spending on a single family. We have discouraged gift requests for items such as gaming systems, digital cameras, gift cards, etc.
-  If you are sponsoring a large number of children through your church or business, we ask that you please insure that children receive an equitable number of items as compared to other children within their family. In the past, we have had some children within a family receive only one or two items while a sibling has 6-7 items.
-  Faith-based organizations sponsoring families must agree that families who they sponsor are not obligated to attend any church service as a condition of receiving Christmas assistance. You may require the families to pick up their gifts from your building, and you may invite them to participate in a service, but participation cannot be required. United Way of Johnson County is a non-profit, non-denominational organization and we have no expectation that families who receive assistance participate in a faith-based service. If your organization does have this requirement, we would be happy to discuss other ways to partner for Christmas.
-  When you receive your family/ies, **please contact the parent/legal guardian to verify specific needs and clarify details as soon as possible.** This lets the family know they are being helped. If you wish to block your calls, dial \*67 before you call your family/ies.

Explain that you are calling as a part of the United Way of Johnson County Christmas Angels Program and you were matched to their family as a sponsor for Christmas assistance.

-  If you prefer to remain anonymous and don't feel you can shop from the information on the form, please let us know and a United Way volunteer will contact the family for any questions you might have before shopping.
-  When talking with your family, you may want to clarify sizes, find out more information on the children's interests/hobbies, or a special wish of each child. Some sponsors also like to purchase modest gifts for the adults in the family in addition to the children or provide food or a grocery gift card, but this is optional. If you provide a gift card to be used toward food, please write FOOD on the card so the family knows the intended purpose.
-  You will need to arrange for the place and time for delivery or pick up of the gifts which should be **no later than December 18, 2018**.
-  If you want to remain anonymous, gifts must be delivered to 594 Ironwood Dr, Franklin, no later than December 13, 2018, at 4:30pm.
  - (The UWJC office is located in Franklin Crossing by Swartz Funeral Home and Blue Heron Park)

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jenny Kinnaman at United Way (317-736-7840 or [jkinnaman@uwjc.org](mailto:jkinnaman@uwjc.org))**.

**Your generous assistance through time and donations to help those less fortunate is very much needed and appreciated.**