

## Contact Information

- Adopt a Family phone number: (831) 457-9834
- Adopt a family email: [adoptafamily@scvolunteercenter.org](mailto:adoptafamily@scvolunteercenter.org)
- Adopt a family website: <https://scvolunteercenter.org/programs/adopt-a-family/>

## Thank you for supporting families in our community!

By collecting gifts for families in need, you will show them that they are a part of a community that cares! Your donation will go to a family that will otherwise not have gifts for their children. Volunteers sort and wrap the gifts so that each child receives the gift of their dreams.

## Step 1: Choose the date and location for your collection

The last day to drop off gifts for at our Donation Center in Capitola is Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – so be sure to finish your drive by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

You can collect for one day at an event (such as a holiday party) or for several days. Whatever works best for you!

## Step 2: Tell your network about your toy drive

A poster that you can add information to is on the last page of this document. If you open it in Adobe PDF or Preview you can add text to the white box. OR you can create your own poster, post on social media, send out an email, knock on your neighbors' doors, text your friends – however you usually connect. **For this program we only accept new toys and clothes.**

Some people focus on collecting one or 2 items such as \$20 gift cards to Target (a great gift for anyone), blankets, sweatshirts for kids, gift items for teens (these are the items that are donated the least), stuffed animals, socks, etc. OR you can open your drive for any gift item (our wish list is at the end of this document).

## Step 3: Bring the gifts to our Donation Center!

Email [adoptafamily@scvolunteercenter.org](mailto:adoptafamily@scvolunteercenter.org) and let us know that your doing a toy drive and we'll send you the donation center location – it's in Capitola.

We are accepting donations Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, December 12 from 12pm – 7pm and Saturday, December 16 from 10am – 12pm (or by appointment on another day).

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who gets the donated gifts?

Gifts are donated to families that are referred by one of our 30+ partnering agencies. They include homeless shelters, Family Resource Centers, Schools, Santa Cruz County medical staff and social workers. All gifts are given to families this year – we do not save gifts for next year.

### Why do you need grocery store gift certificates?

We give each family gift cards so they can buy food or other essentials (like medicine) for their family. This year we need them more than ever, with the rising costs of groceries and other essential items. In the past we have given each person in the program a \$25 gift card, but this year we are hoping to receive enough donations to increase this amount to \$35.

### How much money should I put on a gift card?

Gifts cards with amounts between \$10 and \$100 are needed. \$10 - \$25 gift cards are given to individuals as a part of their gift and larger gift cards are given to families to purchase food or shoes.

### Can I support a specific family?

You can sponsor a family Here: <https://www.roonga.com/santacruzaf23>

### Can I buy something online?

We are currently only able to accept deliveries from our [Amazon Wish List](#).

### You can also make a cash donation?

Donate online at [www.scvolunteercenter.org/programs/adopt-a-family](http://www.scvolunteercenter.org/programs/adopt-a-family) or just google “adopt a family volunteer center santa cruz”

or mail a check to 1740 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

made out to Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County. It is tax deductible and our tax ID number is 94-1702678.

## Donation Wish List:

***Every year we have a long list of families that are not able to be adopted but still need assistance. We collect donations of individual items that we distribute to families. Heres a list of items that we always need***

***For this program new items only.***

- Baby blankets, onesies and clothes for infants up to size 24 months.
- Blankets, sheet sets or kids sleeping bags (Size Twin)
- Full or Queen Size Blankets or sheets for teens and adults
- Pillows (standard or Squishmallow or cartoon characters)
- Jackets of all sizes (toddlers up to teens)
- Sweatshirts of all sizes (toddlers up to teens)
- Gift Cards for Safeway, Target, Grocery Outlet, Trader Joes or other grocery stores (\$25 increments work best, but any amount can be used).
- Gift Cards for shoes (Kohl's, Target, Big 5, etc)
- Bath Products (lotion, shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc) and Towels
- Art supplies for kids 11 and up
- Musical Toys (keyboards, percussion, etc)
- Sports equipment - soccer balls, footballs, basketballs, baseball/bat/glove, etc.
- Gift cards of \$10 - \$25 for teens (Movie Tickets, Taco Bell, Starbucks, McDonalds, etc)
- Backpacks or school supplies
- Books for all reading levels
- Board Games for families
- Stuffed Animals (great for kids of all ages)
- Baby Dolls, Barbies, LOL Dolls (especially dolls with a darker skin tone)
- Toy Cars, remote control cars
- Arts and Crafts kits for boys and girls
- Outdoor toys (beach toys, yard toys)
- Stockings or gift bags filled with candy and snack foods/candy
- Small bluetooth speakers for teens
- LED strip lights for teens to decorate their room



# Adopt-A-Family

# Toy



# Drive!



Join us in the giving and providing families and kids with a sense of community, joy and yes- toys!



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**Holiday Giving Program**

# Adopt-A-Family

**Nov 1 - Dec 16**



## 3 WAYS TO GIVE

**1**

### Give Gifts:

Adopt a Family in need now  
at [scvolunteercenter.org](http://scvolunteercenter.org)



**2**

### Give Time:

Wrap packages, sort gifts,  
or shop for those in need.

**3**

### Give Cash:

Give a donation to purchase food and  
warm clothes for a family in need.



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