



**American
Red Cross**

Greater Hanover Chapter

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2009 "Hope for the Holidays" Program

Thank you for helping to make the holidays brighter for area families in need through your support of the Red Cross "Hope for the Holidays" Program. Because of caring and compassionate people like you, the joys of the Season can be shared with those who are less fortunate.

Information will be provided to you regarding your "adopted" family(s) based on the completion of this form. Please fax your completed form to the attention of Adam Smith at 717-637-3294 or by mail to: Greater Hanover Red Cross , HFTTH Program, 529 Carlisle Street, Hanover, PA 17331. Additional forms are available at www.hanoverredcross.org .

Sponsor Information

Name/Company/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Second Contact (if necessary): _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____ E-mail: _____

We will provide: *Check all that apply*

- Thanksgiving food
- Christmas food only
- Christmas food and gifts
- Holiday gifts for children only
- Holiday gifts for children, adults and/or seniors

Adoption Information

How many families will you be adopting? _____ OR

How many names do you want for your angel tree? _____

Size of family desired for adoption: _____ OR No Preference _____.



The Necessary Details

Please forward information about my "adopted" family(s) no later than: _____

- We will contact and deliver packages directly to our adopted family. (Please email or call Red Cross with details)
- We would like the Red Cross to make arrangements with the family(s) for delivery/pickup of packages.

We will deliver packages to the Red Cross on: _____ or TBD

- Please check this box if you wish to remain anonymous to your "adopted" family.

Thank you for helping to make the holidays brighter for area families in need. Please call Adam Smith at 717 637-3768, ext 205 or email at smitha@hanoverredcross.org with any questions.

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How the "Hope for the Holidays" Program Works

Thank you for supporting the Greater Hanover Red Cross annual "Hope for the Holidays" Program. We would like to provide you with background information in order to help you better understand how the program works.

First and foremost, your support is greatly appreciated and does more to help area families in need than you can imagine. Families and individuals who participate in our annual "Hope for the Holidays" Program apply by visiting our office at 529 Carlisle Street. Various community organizations, schools, and/or human service agencies also refer individuals who are homebound, elderly, or unable to register in person.

Each applicant that is enrolled in the "Hope for the Holidays" Program meets the required eligibility guidelines. Please note that income is not the only program criteria. The Red Cross "Hope for the Holidays" Program provides for seniors living alone, families that have fallen on hard times or have serious health problems, or individuals facing circumstances such as domestic violence, child abuse, or mental illness. Because of the extreme confidentiality associated with this program, the Red Cross cannot provide the details associated with a family's specific need. Each participant is interviewed and meets the criteria established for the program. It's important to remember that many times, lifestyles are not as they appear. Individuals lose jobs, fall on hard times, or have unexpected health problems.

Program Recommendations and Necessities

At the time of registration, families are asked to complete a "wish list" of items that "Santa" might be able to provide. Each family signs an understanding and is advised that not all "wishes" can or will be met. This "wish list" is merely a list of suggested items offered to those who have chosen to adopt a family and attempt to make the holidays brighter for those less fortunate. Please know, when providing for your "adopted family", it is not necessary to purchase or provide everything that has been requested on their "Holiday Wish List."

Many families with children may list such toys as Game Boys, Play Stations, and other related games. It is important to remind ourselves that even families/children who are less fortunate have a right to ask for a gift that may seem, at times, inappropriate. All children are exposed to the same marketing efforts regardless of economic or social status.

The list is provided merely as suggestions. It's truly an individual's choice, and we do not attempt to discourage or encourage what gifts are given. However, in order to maintain "equitable distribution" and be fair to all participants, we suggest that no one individual receives more than four (4) gifts from a sponsor.

When providing food for your "adopted families", we recommend as a minimum the following items: a turkey (or similar), potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy mix, vegetables, fruit, crackers, bread/rolls, and dessert.

Thank you once again for helping to make the holidays brighter for area families in need through your support of the Red Cross "Hope for the Holidays" Program. It is because of caring people like you who will enable the joys of the Season to be shared through your kindness.