

Thank you for your interest in the Beauty Foundation's Adopt-A-Family program!

Now in its third year, the Adopt-A-Family program is specifically designed for the upcoming holiday season that matches up caring individuals and organizations with cancer-stricken families who often struggle economically and emotionally during this time of year.

Here's how it works: Once you, your group or your company decide that you would like to sponsor a family, please send an email to bffadoptfamily@gmail.com. A volunteer from the Beauty Foundation will reach out to you to match you up with an appropriate family. Careful consideration is given to our donors' locations and budgets to ensure the right family is selected.

Subsequently, you will receive your assigned family's "holiday wish list" containing gifts for the children in the home. Donors will have the opportunity to purchase, wrap and hand-deliver the gifts to the family's homes.

Some basic things to consider:

Large families with several children may need a larger donor group.
Families with small children may have a wish list of "hard to get" toys.
Families with teens may include higher-priced items.

While the program is geared towards children, occasionally the patient may be an adult. In those situations, the gift request may be different. For example, last year a donor family purchased new cookware and bedding for a single mom who was fighting cancer. Additionally, there are times when the situation is so poor that we try to provide a gift for the adult in the family as well, even if the patient is a child. While absolutely not required, we have been able to make a few adult wishes come true too.

Lastly, our donors should note that the sick member of the family may have a compromised immune system, and delivery visits may have to change at a moment's notice. We request that prior to your visit, you ask your family if they can receive guests. And if you're planning to bring children under 16, please ask if it's OK for them to come too. For some families, the company could be a very welcomed break from what they are going through. For others, it may be too much.

Thank you again for your considered support of this wonderful program. Should you have any additional questions, please contact Lori Ceraolo, at 732-672-0039.

God bless, and no matter what holiday you celebrate this season, may it be filled with peace, love and good health.