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## **Oakland Family Services seeks donors, volunteers for Adopt A Family**

*Annual program builds brighter holidays for families in need*

**Pontiac, Mich. (Oct. 14, 2022)** — Each year, Oakland Family Services' Adopt A Family program creates holiday magic for families struggling with housing, transportation, child care and health care costs; parents struggling to provide necessities like warm winter clothing, diapers and bedsheets; children in foster care who worry they may have no gifts to open this year; and families facing other challenges of all shapes and sizes.

Last year's Adopt A Family program, modified to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, provided gift cards to 286 families so they could purchase gifts for a total of 667 children. This year marks an exciting return to Adopt A Family's traditional format, in which donors purchase and wrap gifts from families' wishlists and deliver them to Oakland Family Services' Pontiac office.

Donors can sign up at [www.oaklandfamilyservices.org/adopt-a-family](http://www.oaklandfamilyservices.org/adopt-a-family) to be matched with a family in need. Donors can be a single person, company or group of people contributing together. While there is no minimum spending amount, it is recommended to spend \$75-\$100 per child, plus \$125-\$175 per family for shared household items. When signing up, donors can select the family size or number of children they would like to adopt.

After being matched with a family, donors receive a wishlist and family profile that shares some biographical information about each family member and their needs and holiday wishes. For example, a family may share that they are in need of winter boots, books and toys for their young daughter, as well as pots and pans and cleaning supplies for the whole family. All gifts will be dropped off in person to Oakland Family Services' office at 114 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac.

The agency is also seeking volunteers to assist with gift drop-off and pick-up during the week of Dec. 12-16. Volunteers will unload gifts from donors' cars and organize them in storage areas Monday-Wednesday, and they will load gifts into recipients' cars Wednesday-Friday.

All Adopt A Family recipients are clients of Oakland Family Services, such as preschoolers who attend our Children's Learning Centers, children and teens in foster care, families receiving behavioral health treatment or parenting support, and other clients who have been identified as needing financial assistance.

More details about Adopt A Family, including donor and volunteer sign-up, are available at [www.oaklandfamilyservices.org/adopt-a-family](http://www.oaklandfamilyservices.org/adopt-a-family). For more information, please email [adoptafamily@ofsfamily.org](mailto:adoptafamily@ofsfamily.org).

***About Oakland Family Services***

*Oakland Family Services is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) serving the community since 1921 and dedicated to providing individuals and families the opportunity to build brighter futures. The agency's prevention, education and treatment services touch the lives of more than 40,000 individuals throughout southeastern Michigan every year. The agency has offices in Pontiac, Berkley and Walled Lake. For more information, go to [www.oaklandfamilyservices.org](http://www.oaklandfamilyservices.org).*

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