



Winter Wishes Holiday Gifts **Frequently Asked Questions**

Donors select a local family whose story speaks to them, then purchase new clothing, toys, and games—helping to create a joyful holiday for a family in need.

How should I choose my family?

There are several things to consider when choosing a family to sponsor. Reading family stories and finding one that speaks to you is a good place to start. Select a family size that fits your budget as well.

On average, how much does it cost to provide holiday gifts to a child?

Donors have shared that on average, the cost to provide holiday gifts is about \$300 per child. Hitting sales and using coupons is a great way to stretch your dollars.

Am I the only person buying for this family?

Yes, once you select a family you are the only one buying for that family.

Do I need to purchase all the gifts on the child's list?

We ask that you complete your child's wishlist. Beverly Bootstraps has worked closely with the families to identify their needs and wishes.

Can I buy more gifts than what is listed?

Yes. Some donors will complete the list and get extra things, too.

Can I personalize gifts?

No. All names of children and caregivers have been changed to protect their privacy. Please, do not personalize items.

If a child in my family asks for a bike, can I purchase an unassembled bike?

Yes! We have an amazing bike assembly team who will put the bikes together.



Can I sponsor more than one family?

Yes, you can sponsor more than one family.

Can I sponsor a family with a group?

Yes. Donors can be families, extended families, neighborhood groups, sports teams, groups of work friends, members of clubs, companies and organizations too. To help keep things organized, we do ask that all gifts for that family be delivered to Beverly Bootstraps at the same time.

Should all the items be new or can I give gently used items?

We ask that all holiday gifts are new. No used items, please.

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Should I wrap the gifts?

No. Gifts should be dropped off unwrapped. Parents/Caregivers will wrap the gifts for their children. This allows them to participate in the gift-giving, and so that they know what their children are getting.

Can I include wrapping supplies (wrapping paper, tape, bows, etc.) with my gifts?

Yes, that is very helpful. Parents/Caregivers will be given supplies to wrap the gifts for their children.

Should I include gift receipts?

Yes, please. Including **gift receipts** is helpful in case exchanges are needed. Additionally, please keep copies of all your receipts for tax purposes (see below for tax information).

Can I buy a gift for the Parents/Caregivers?

While gifts are not expected, some donors do include a little something for Parents/Caregivers.

If I purchase a gift for the Parents/Caregivers, should I wrap it?

Yes. All kids' gifts should remain unwrapped, but if you purchase a gift for the Parent/Caregiver, that gift can be wrapped so it is a surprise. If you do purchase and wrap a gift, please be sure to put a label stating who it is for (i.e. "For Mom" or "For Caregiver", etc.)

I can't find my Donor Value Sheet. Where can I find a new one?

[Click here to download a blank donor value sheet](#)

or visit: <https://beverlybootstraps.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/WW-Donor-Value-Form.pdf>

When do I drop off my gifts?

Gifts are dropped off the week after Thanksgiving. Drop-off details will be emailed to you before Thanksgiving, along with a Sign-Up Genius link where you can choose your preferred drop-off day. We kindly ask that you sign up as soon as possible to help us with our planning and ensure your spot is reserved.

Will I receive a tax receipt for my participation in Winter Wishes Holiday Gifts?

No. Per IRS regulations, Beverly Bootstraps is unable to provide you with a tax receipt. You will receive a thank you letter from us in mid-January and we recommend attaching your Winter Wishes receipts to this letter. Please consult a tax adviser to determine whether these contributions are deductible in your personal circumstances.

For more information, scan QR code or visit

<https://form.jotform.com/BeverlyBootstraps/winter-wishes-interest>

Look for an email in October with information about being involved.



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