



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?

Beverly Bootstraps has worked closely with each family to thoughtfully identify their needs and wishes. Please use the provided wishlist as a guide when shopping for your selected child(ren). **On average, donors spend about \$300 per child.** You do not need to purchase every item on the list. We simply ask that gifts for each child in the same family be of similar value to help ensure fairness and joy for all.

How do I see sizes/colors of my child's wishes?

When you view your family's profile, click "Print This Profile" and all details will appear.

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?

Please, do not personalize items. All names of children and caregivers have been changed to protect their privacy.

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. However, it is much easier for our team to check and prepare a bike that is already assembled than to build one from the ground up. If you have the option, we encourage donors to purchase a fully assembled bike whenever possible.

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.

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 I wrap the gifts or include wrapping supplies?

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. It is very helpful if you include wrapping supplies (wrapping paper, tape, bows, etc.).

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 donor value sheet](#) or visit: <https://beverlybootstraps.org/2026/08/21/donor-value-form/>

When do I drop off my gifts?

Gifts can be dropped off as soon as you are done purchasing for your sponsored family. Schedule your drop-off by visiting: <https://wwdropoff2026.booking.appointmentreminder.com>

We kindly ask that you sign up as soon as possible to help us with our planning.

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.

I'm unable to sponsor a family, can I still help?

We occasionally need special shoppers towards the end of our program to purchase one or two items or gift cards to help fill gaps. Reach out to Lisa at lwatkins@beverlybootstraps.org if you'd like to be added to the list.

To learn more or sign up to help with Winter Wishes Holiday Gifts:
beverlybootstraps.org/winter-wishes-holiday-gifts

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