



Adopt a Family FAQ

Thank you for volunteering your time and heart this holiday season! Each year, we hear from many families in our community who are facing tough times whether due to a sudden illness, the loss of a loved one, or an unexpected job loss. In moments like these, SCC steps in with your help to serve as a vital bridge for our neighbors facing temporary hardship. Together, we can bring hope and joy to children who might otherwise go without this Christmas. Let's make their holiday as magical as possible! Below are some common questions and helpful tips to guide you as you shop for your families in need.

1. Will I receive a wish list or just general guidelines?

You'll receive either a detailed wish list with sizes, favorite colors, interests, etc., OR a general profile (e.g., "10-year-old girl who likes art and books").

2. What if I can't find something on the wish list?

That's okay! Use your best judgment to choose a thoughtful substitute. If you're unsure on an item, just remind yourself, "If my child would like it, he/she will like it too!" You can also check out our [Amazon Wish List](#) and our [Target Wish List](#) for more ideas. Please know that in many cases we also give these families gift cards so they can supplement with anything we may have missed.

3. What types of gifts are appropriate?

Toys & games (new, unopened), clothing (new, with tags, correct sizes) and gift cards. We ask our supporters to try to shop local whenever possible. Here are popular items to shop for: Arts & Crafts, Beats Wireless Headphones, Disney related items, Dolls, Electronics, Lego Sets (Large), Melissa & Doug imaginary play sets, Magna Tiles, Nerf, Remote Control Vehicles, Sports balls/game sets, Squishmallows, Nike/Under

Armour/Adidas hoodies, Teen Self Care sets and Teen Room Decor. You can also check out our [Amazon Wish List](#) and our [Target Wish List](#) for more ideas.

- **GIFT CARD Suggestions*:** Amazon, American Eagle, Apple, Chick-fil-A, Chipotle, Coffee Corner, CVS, Dicks Sporting Goods, DoorDash, Dunkin' Donuts, Good Sport, Maria's, Nail Salons, Nona's, PlayStation, The Reel movie theater, Sephora, Shake Shack, Starbucks, Spotify, Target, TK O'Malley's and Xbox, among others.

We ask that you please avoid used or damaged items as well as anything of a violent nature.

4. Should I wrap the gifts?

No, please keep all items unwrapped so that parents can easily see what they're receiving. Please label all gifts or include a note inside your bags/boxes with the following:

1. Your Name
2. The Family ID
3. Any gift cards should be placed in an envelope marked with your name and the family ID.

5. When and where do I drop off the gifts?

- Please drop off all gifts as soon as possible, ideally **no later than Sunday, Dec 14th** but if you're running late, let us know (we know, it happens to us too!). The sooner, the better, as our elves are busy! *Remember, you're shopping for a few children you don't know but we're doing this for hundreds!*
- All gifts can be dropped off at the Christmas Cottage at the Susan Phippen House at 125 Mann Lot Road. The Christmas Cottage is open and monitored 24/7.

Tips for Thoughtful Shopping

- Stick to the list as much as possible, but if you need to improvise, make it age-appropriate and fun.
- Treat every gift like it's for someone you love — even a simple item can bring big joy.
- Double check sizes — especially for shoes and clothes.

Still have questions?

- Contact us via phone call or text at 781-205-9433 or email us at info@scituatecommunitychristmas.org