

Sponsor-a-Family

Frequently Asked Questions

Q How much does it cost to sponsor a family/senior including gifts and food?

The cost depends on a variety of factors such as the family size, where you shop for food, etc. To give you a rough idea, we estimate the following costs:

Senior/Senior Couple	Family Size 2-3	Family Size 4-5	Family Size 6+
\$175-\$275	\$300-\$450	\$500-\$750	\$850+

Q I am matched with a family but cannot get a hold of them by phone. What should I do?

If you haven't been able to get a hold of your sponsored family within two weeks, or, by December 11th, please contact Kristin at the Christmas Bureau. 604-859-5749 ext. 32

Q Can I wrap the gifts?

Yes, but please provide a list of the gifts to the parents so they know what their children will be receiving. All gifts must be new!

Q How can we help a family or senior this Christmas if we cannot afford the minimum requirements?

We would still love for you to help out a family or senior in need this Christmas! If you cannot meet the minimum requirements, the Christmas Bureau can supplement food and/or gifts. Please call to let us know how we can best partner with you.

Q There used to be a large section with food suggestions from the family/senior. Where did it go?

Including a section of partial food for the families to check off was creating more confusion than help! We've attached a shopping list to your match for the appropriate family size. Please ask any clarifying questions before shopping so you know what the family/senior's preferences are.

Q The family's gift requests are more than \$50 per child. What should I do?

Ultimately, the decision is yours to make. We recommend keeping the guideline of spending a maximum of \$75 per child. How that looks is up to you, with the potential input of the sponsored family. Please do not feel pressured to spend more than our minimum requirements!