

Giving Tree



GIVING TREE FAQs

How do I get started?

Please complete and return the attached form to Victoria Thai by December 1st. You will then be matched with a family and information will be sent about each member. No time to shop? Financial contributions allow us to buy gifts for families who are not matched with a sponsor, or enter our programs after the sponsor deadline.

What kind of gifts should I get?

Because homeless and low-income families usually get clothes and toys that have been used, for the holidays we ask for new items only. For each family you sponsor, we request the following:

- For the kids: 3 new gifts (or gifts cards) per child, up to \$35 per gift
- For the family: one gift card (\$50 or more, depending on family size) to Safeway, Target, Fred Meyer, etc.

What about the parents?

You may purchase a gift card from the store of choice, or increase the amount on the grocery store gift card. Please include a gift card or note and indicate that the gift card is intended for the parent.

Wrapped or unwrapped?

Please wrap the gift and write the child's name on a gift tag. Gift cards should be in a sealed envelope with the family ID# clearly written on it.

How do I package the gifts safely?

Place gifts in a sturdy bag and label each bag with the family ID#. This will help keep the gifts intact when delivered to families, who may have to travel on the bus with them. Envelopes with gift cards should also be labeled with the family ID# and given directly to a coordinator or volunteer.

When and where do I deliver gifts?

The sponsor form lists the address and dates to deliver your gift and gift cards. Drop-off days and times for all YWCA Giving Tree sites are also listed on our website.

What if none of the days or times works for me?

Call or email the Giving Tree coordinator Victoria Thai at your location and arrange another time to deliver your gifts.

Can I personally deliver the gifts or meet the family?

To protect their privacy, you cannot meet the family you are paired with, but they deeply appreciate your generosity.

Can I use my employer's matching program for the Giving Tree?

Yes, matching funds from your employer are welcome. Just submit the matching form from your employer and list "YWCA Giving Tree" as the program to the following address: YWCA, attn: Fund Development, 1118 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101.

What is YWCA's tax I.D. number?

Our tax ID is # 91-0482890; this may be required on your employer matching gift form.

Are there gifts tax deductible and do I need a receipt for my tax records?

You may choose to include these gifts with your itemized deductions. If requested, we will provide a tax receipt when you deliver the gift or mail it to you.

Is there anything else I can do?

We would love your help to get all of our families adopted! Spread the word about YWCA Giving Tree to your friends, family, and colleagues, and ask them to contact Victoria Thai at vthai@ywcaworks.org