



2019 Holiday Sponsorship Program & Toy Room

Information for Donors

Thank you for your interest in The Children's Aid Society of Hamilton's 2019 Sponsorship Program & Toy Room. By getting involved, you can help make this holiday season a joyous and memorable one for disadvantaged children, youth and families.

Sponsorships

The Sponsorship Program aims to provide support to families in need and youth living independently during the December holiday season. Program participation is only available through a referral from staff working with the family or youth.

We are looking for your support in sponsoring a family or youth. If you and/or your group are interested in participating in the Sponsorship Program this year, please email your interest to sponsorships@hamiltoncas.com and be sure to include your contact information and the size of family you are able to support. Our Program Coordinator will provide you with a family profile during the first week in November. At that time, you will receive non-identifying family information to help personalize your gifts. In order to keep the sponsorships equitable to all our recipients, and to ensure that all our families referred receive a similar sponsorship, we kindly ask that your sponsorship contains the following items:

- President's Choice gift card (suggested \$25 per person)
- Mittens/gloves and hats
- Nut free treats for the family
- Toys for children, age 0 - 12 (2-3 toys per child)
- Gift cards for youth, age 13 – 17 (suggested \$25.00 per youth)
- Gifts or gift cards for adults (1 per adult in the home)
- Family game and/or crayons and colouring/activity books
- Wrapping paper

There may be special items that a family requires, i.e., bedding, pots and pans, towels, etc. that the worker will outline on the referral form. Please advise the Program Coordinator if you or your group are able to accommodate any special requests or large families.

When purchasing gift cards, please ensure that they are marked clearly with the value and also provide the activation receipt if possible.

Toy Room

If you would like to support the Toy Room, we gratefully accept **new** gifts such as toys, toiletry items, clothing and gift cards. We do ask that toys of a non-violent nature be considered when making your donation. Toy Room items are provided to children and teens involved with the Society but who are not in care and not part of the Sponsorship Program. We also accept cash donations, which are eligible for charitable tax receipts.

General Information

- All sponsorships will be personally delivered to the families and youth by Society staff or agency volunteers.
- In order to schedule deliveries and accomplish this in time for Christmas, **it is very important that we have all donations delivered to the agency between November 25th – December 6th, 2019.** We will accept gifts to the Toy Room up to December 20th, 2019.
- Donations can be dropped off Monday to Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 2:00-4:00 pm at the agency located at 26 Arrowsmith Road. The Sponsorship Program area is located on the Arrowsmith Road side of the building (**look for the red door with the snowman flag**).
- Evening deliveries can be dropped off at the agency's main reception Monday to Thursday from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Please ensure your contact information is attached to your donation if dropping off in the evening.
- If you have any further questions, please email sponsorships@hamiltoncas.com and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

We hope you find this a rewarding experience and know that the families you are supporting will truly appreciate your kindness. Thank you!