



ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2026



This program gives your family, business, church, or organization the unique opportunity to give directly to a family in need in our USD 260 community.

- By adopting a family you can personalize your giving.
- You are matched with a family size of your choosing.
- You contact them personally and purchase children's gifts, non-perishable food, and gift cards that are specific to the families needs and desires.
- The deadline for adopting a family is **Sunday, November 22nd.**

It is important that you contact the family you have adopted by December 1st. Doing so makes them aware that their needs will be met by you, personally, as opposed to Derby-Operation Holiday on distribution day (December 14th).

Below are general guidelines for the minimum purchases per family:

- 10 non-perishable food items per family member. A list of recommended items is available on our **Facebook** page **@derbyoperationholiday**. You may wish to ask your family what types of foods they prefer, or if there are any food allergies.
- Dillon's or Wal-Mart gift card for the purchase of perishable food items (i.e. produce, meat, dairy). The amount is **\$60** for the first family member and **\$10** for each additional family member. **Please Note:** You may also choose to add money to the gift card in lieu of purchasing non-perishable items, if your adopting family would like that instead. Please increase the gift card amount by **\$20** per family member.
- Two toys per child up to 10 years old (one large \$35-\$40 and 1 small \$15-\$20). If a child has a specific wish list that is more expensive, one single, more expensive item is fine. Contact your family for ideas of what their children might like.
- Gift card for pre-teens age 11-14 (\$25) and 1 small toy (\$15-20)
- Gift card for teens age 15-18 in the amount of \$50. You can check with the parents to see if there is a favorite shopping spot.
- The following are additional items given to the families at distribution. You could consider providing some (or all) of them, but they are **NOT required**: blankets, paper goods, toiletries, toothbrushes, laundry detergent, socks, hats, gloves, books, sports balls, games, puzzles, and crafts.

Gifts should be **delivered prior to December 14th**, unless other arrangements are made with the family. Gifts are not required to be wrapped, but you are welcome to do so if you like! Gift receipts are always a good idea when possible.

For your health and safety, please choose a neutral meeting place within the USD 260 boundary to deliver the gifts, preferably during daylight hours. We suggest the Derby Police Station or the Woodlawn United Methodist Church parking lots.

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