GRANT A WISH INC

GRANT A WISH 2026 ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

INSTRUCTIONAL BOOKLET & CONTRACT

FOR SPONSORS OF

OUR CHILDREN'S 2026 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



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HISTORY OF THE GRANT A WISH HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Grant A Wish, Inc is a not for profit, tax exempt, 501 (c) (3) organization, that grants wishes to needy, disabled and abused children, **since 1981**. **Grant A Wish, Inc** was founded by the late **Ms. Anne Blair** to make a difference in the lives of children who were facing challenges in the greater Chicagoland area at that time. For over **45 years**, **Grant A Wish, Inc** has been granting wishes to needy, disabled and abused children.

Grant A Wish Inc, operates other several other programs throughout every year.
In **1981**, the first **50 wishes** were granted by **Ms. Anne Blair** to needy elementary school children through the **Chicago Public School System** at the time, that needed basic items like a new coat, or a pair of new shoes, a graduation outfit, eye glasses, school supplies and a variety of other items, including Christmas toys. For over **20 years**, **Ms. Anne Blair** always strives to meet the challenges facing many of the children within the **Chicago Public School System** at that time.

For over **45 years**, **Grant A Wish, Inc** is continuing to make a difference through our holiday program. We are continuing to make a difference into the future and to continue to work to make **Ms. Blair's** dream a continued reality for so many children. **Ms. Blair** crossed into the spirit world in **May of 2010**. Her love for others and her desire to help children in need was paramount in her life. Sponsors and general supporters are essential to our organizations future, because good people do help make a difference, and the kindness of a stranger to someone who is in need is the ultimate of giving back & the idea of paying it forward.

We encourage corporations and others who have participated in the past, to stay connected and we encourage new companies to join us. Through our **Grant A Wish Annual Holiday Gift Program**, where we provide for needy, disabled and abused children, especially at Christmastime, by providing their Christmas wish through pre-selected agencies.

This booklet is a simple explanation of what is expected of your company, individual, group or employees that agree to participate. We are looking for holiday hero's who want to help make a difference in the lives of needy children. **Christmas** is a special time for most children and through our holiday agencies, we provide their **holiday/Christmas wish**.

A company can work with their office employees to take list of children's names and divide them up among their staff. Go out & purchase a gift for a child on our list up to the ceiling cost of the program. All financial donations and the purchases of gifts are tax deductible for the gifts sponsors. Collective purchases by the company can be beneficial to the company or an individual when filing taxes. We appreciate you in advance for your support and participation in this years

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Each holiday agency is a given a **color code** for their agency, that means that when toys come into **Grant A Wish, Inc** from the group that is sponsoring the gifts, we will know which agency the gifts or toys are assigned by the colored ribbon on the box or bags.

All multiple gifts should be put in various garbage bags or bags/box in some sort of numerical order with a tag or some sort of label to let us know what gifts are in what bag, so the bag doesn't have to be opened but delivered the way it was packaged. It makes things easier for us, when we can identify gifts it helps the sorting process. I hope that you can do your best to help us in this critical part of our **Annual Holiday Gift Program**.

It is the wrapping, labeling, sorting and the packaging of the gifts for pickup or delivery to our selected agencies that is the **most important part of the holiday program**. We appreciate you in this process and your cooperation means the world to us. We have been providing **Christmas gifts/toys**, with the help of you our kind Santa's helper's for **45 years**. Depending on the size of the gifts and depending on the kind of large bag, you may be able to get **5 to 7 gifts** based on their size per garbage or contractor bags. If your group is providing **20 gifts** then you may have anywhere from **3 to 6 bags**. You should use large contractor garbage bags they are thicker & more reliable when transporting gifts or the use of large boxes.

In the early days of the **1980's** and the **1990's**, when **Grant A Wish** was granting at any given Christmas granting over **4,000 to 5,000** gifts at **Christmas time**. Primarily all of the gifts went to **10 to 12 elementary schools** with anywhere from **500 to 700** student in a given public school. Our organization and it's holiday program has evolved over the years to what it is today, with the acceptance of a variety of different agencies not just elementary schools anymore that have needy, disabled and abused children at their facility.

We want to thank you in advance for your support of this year's **2026 Annual Holiday Gift Program**. We are always working to keep our holiday program process simple for our applying agencies and for our sponsors who purchase holiday gifts. We select a limited number of agencies based on how many agencies that apply & how many gifts we forecast that we are able to fulfill with the help of our sponsors & supporters. Our organization is thankful to our returning corporate sponsors and for our new holiday sponsors.

We have a list of companies that return every year to provide Christmas joy to children through our selected holiday agencies. We welcome new sponsors to help get involved with our organization or specifically our **Grant A Wish Annual Holiday Gift Program**. We work to make a difference for children regardless of their sex, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, ethnicity and we do not discriminate in any way our services. We do our part to provide assistance to economically disadvantaged families. The sponsors contract is very simple and is not binding, unless the appropriate signature is endorsed.

" Gifts That Make A Difference "

Website: WWW.GRANTAWISHINCCHICAGO.ORG

THE GRANT A WISH 2026 ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM SPONSORS CONTRACT

Grant A Wish, Inc was founded in 1981 by **Ms. Anne Blair**, to grant wishes to **needy, disabled and abused children**. **Grant A Wish, Inc** is a **not for profit, tax exempt, 501(c)(3) organization**. We are in our 45th year of providing Christmas gifts to needy, disabled and abused children through our agencies for the **Christmas Holiday**. Below is a basic agreement for your company or group to agree to provide holiday wishes to our agencies selected children.

Your participation in our **Grant A Wish 2026 Annual Holiday Gift Program** is the most important part of the holiday program. When you purchase & provide a gift to a child you help to make them happy. We encourage that you follow our simple guidelines for this agreement. This contract is a basic understanding between (Company, Group, Individual)_____and **Grant A Wish, Inc** that basic rules for our **Grant A Wish 2026 Annual Holiday Gift Program** will be followed.

Below is a basic list of the basic rules of the program:

GRANT A WISH 2026 ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM SPONSOR AGREEMENT

Date of Agreement:___/___/2026 Sponsors Name/Company_____
Address_____City_____State____Zip Code_____
Contact Name:_____Contact Tel # ( )____-_____
Contact Email:_____
Number of gifts you are agreeing to sponsor?_____ Wish Numbers:2026-____/2026-____Total:_____
Agency Name:_____Color Code:_____
1._____agrees to provide #_____gifts/wish numbers to the children that they are assigned?Yes____No____
2._____agrees to purchase the items requested as long as the item isn't over the cost of $75.00 per wish. If I (We) purchase an item over $75.00 for a child, it will be at our own discretion? Yes___No___
3._____agrees to provide the gifts either for pickup or delivery by this date; Friday, December 18, 2026, or before the agencies scheduled holiday party or agrees to deliver the gifts directly to the agency or agency holiday party?Yes___No___
4._____agrees to acknowledge the need for any tax documents for their records in supporting this year's Grant A Wish 2026 Annual Holiday Gift Program?Yes___No___
5._____agrees to allow Grant A Wish, Inc to utilize photographs/video of your company/logo, employees or group for the sole purpose of adding it on our Thank You video for your holiday involvement on our website and social media feeds only?Yes___No___

This agreement is signed between_____and Grant A Wish, Inc on this date:___/___/2026 to provide a total of _____gifts.
I_____coordinating sponsor for_____Signature:_____agrees to represent the above and I Vital Thomas Signature:_____ represent Grant A Wish, Inc and its agencies in coordination of the holiday gifts. By signing this agreement, you agree to the basic terms.
We want to THANK YOU in advance for your support of this year's Grant A Wish 2026 Annual Holiday Gift Program. Our goal is to provide Christmas joy & gifts to needy, disabled and abused children.

Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Hanukkah and have a Blessed Happy 2027 New Year!!!