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# Grant A Wish 2025 Annual Holiday Gift Program

### 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 Chicago-land area at that time. For over **44 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 worked to meet the challenges facing many of the children within the Chicago Public School System at that time.

For over **44 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 our 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 which is \$75.00 per child. All financial donations and the purchases of gifts are tax deductible for the gift 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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# **HOW THE 2025 ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM WORKS?**

All of the children selected for the **Grant A Wish 2025 Annual Holiday Gift Program** through pre-selected agencies will receive new holiday gifts. Agencies have to submit in advance a completed application by mail or email to **Grant A Wish, Inc** for consideration. Elementary schools, churches, hospitals, daycare centers, shelters and other not for profit community based organizations can apply. We do not grant **Christmas wishes** to members of the general public on an individual basis at this time.

We do select a limited number of families at random based upon our organization receiving extra unassigned **Christmas toys or gifts** as we get closer to **Christmas**. All agencies that apply must have at least **75% needy, disabled or abused children** at their agency to be considered.

Our sponsors and supporters are individuals, families, small groups, small businesses, community groups and corporations that agree to take a list of a minimum of **10 names and up to 20 children's names max** on one of our custom holiday wish list to go purchase, wrap, and labels the gifts to be delivered or picked up by **Grant A Wish, Inc** at some date in **December 2025**.

We count on the generosity of people kind enough to help out by purchasing a specific gift or toy for a specific child, especially at Christmas time, through one of our pre-selected agency for **Christmas 2025 Holiday**...

#### THE GRANT A WISH 2025 PROGRAM SPONSORS PROCESS...

Our holiday program process works by your group or company contacting **Grant A Wish, Inc** by phone, mail or email. You then express an interest in participating in this year's **Grant A Wish 2025 Annual Holiday Gift Program**. Once you agree to participate, we will want to know how many children are you interested in sponsoring.

Once we determine how many children with a minimum of 10 names for companies, there can be some exceptions for numbers less than 10 for individuals and families. When we work out pickup or delivery schedules in **December of 2025**, we will out the details as we closer to **December of 2025**.

Once we know the number of gifts, we can than match your sponsorship to an agency under our **Grant A Wish 2025 Annual Holiday Gift Program** for **Christmas 2025**. **Grant A Wish, Inc** is responsible for all of the paperwork between you and the agency. We work on providing the information about the children's Christmas parties, delivery or pickup schedules for gifts and anything additional that you may need to receive.

We also handle all tax information that be requested for tax write offs. If you have any questions they can be answered by our organization. Once all the agreements are worked out. You will receive our custom **Grant A**Wish Holiday Wish List by email only with a max per sheet of 20 children's names.

One name per line additionally with **their sex, their age and a 1**<sup>st</sup> & **2**<sup>nd</sup> **request** for their holiday wish for Christmas for the children you agree to sponsor. The reason for the **1**<sup>st</sup> & **2**<sup>nd</sup> **request** is that a item may be unavailable at the time of purchase. The two requests also gives you a choice on which one to get, if you can't find one. If the cost are reasonable you may get both, but that is your choice.

You must purchase at least one of the wish items requested. Each wish is not to exceed the cost **\$75.00** per child, but it is up to **you the sponsor** if you want to spend more than **\$75.00** for that one child or to make a reasonable substitution if one or both items are unavailable.

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Each holiday agency is a given a <u>color code</u> 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 **44 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 **2025 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 "

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# THE GRANT A WISH 2025

# 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 44<sup>th</sup> 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 2025 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 happier. 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 2025 Annual Holiday Gift Program** will be followed. **Below is a basic list of the basic rules of the program:** 

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| 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?YesNo   |   |
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| date; Friday, December 19, 2025, or before the agencies scheduled holiday party or agrees to deliver the |   |
| gifts directly to the agency or agency holiday party?YesNo   |   |
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| tax information for your support of this year's Grant A Wish 2025 Annual Holiday Gift Program?           |   |
| YesNo  |   |
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| photographs of your company/logo, employees or group for the sole purpose of posting it for your         |   |
| holiday involvement on our website and social media feeds only?YesNo                                     |   |
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| Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Hanukkah and a Blessed Happy 2026 New Year!!!               |   |