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Help Families in Need this Christmas!

When families live paycheck-to-paycheck, it's difficult for them to give their children holiday meals and gifts each year. With your help, we can ensure that families are provided with what they need to lessen the stress of the holiday season. Each year, SOS hosts its annual Sponsor a Family & Sponsor an Apartment program to provide families gifts and household necessities for the holiday season. You can help!

SOS is asking community members for donations of gift cards ranging from \$10-\$25 to major retailers such as Walmart, Meijer, and Target. Gift cards give parents the power to buy items like food, clothes, and toys they know their children will love.

"They helped me buy something I needed for my daughter and also a couple gifts for her for Christmas! I really appreciated it." Said a mother who received donated gift cards last year.

Many SOS families struggle to provide basic household necessities for their families. SOS is also asking for donations of household items, including:

Bedroom Supplies: Twin-sized sheets, blankets, comforters, mattress protectors (twin sized)

Kitchen Supplies: Dishes, glasses, eating and cooking utensils, pots, pans, can openers, kitchen towels, mixing bowls, oven mitt sets, napkins, paper towels

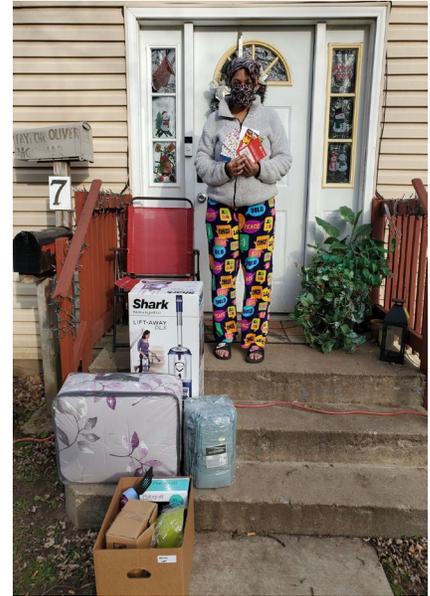
Bath Supplies: Towel sets, shower curtains/rings, shower caddies

Household Cleaning/Laundry: Cleaners, detergents, cleaning cloths/paper towels, gloves, sponges, vacuum cleaners, trash cans and bags, mops, brooms, buckets, toilet brushes

Baby: Cribs, high chairs, and portable cribs (pack n' play)

Miscellaneous: Wheeled groceries carts for folks walking/taking bus for groceries

This year, SOS has also created an AmazonSmile Charity Wish List titled *SOS 2022 Holiday Drive*. With the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, SOS wanted to give the community a safer option



Mom receives housewares and gift cards donated by the community

for purchasing and donating items for SOS families. Community members can find SOS's wish list on their Amazon account by following these steps:

Search "Accounts and Lists," then "AmazonSmile Charity List," and then search for "SOS 2022 Holiday Drive"

With help from the community last year SOS was able to give more than 200 children a joyful holiday.

"We would not have had enough food if we didn't have them," said a parent who used gift cards to purchase food for their family last year.

"I bought my baby some clothes, a couple Christmas gifts, and some food!" said another mother.

SOS asks that all donations be made by Friday, December 2, 2022. If you have any questions or want to coordinate donation drop-offs, you can contact Kaitlynn Huxford and Grace Mather at Devintern@soscs.org or by calling 734-961-1950.

***SOS Community Services** promotes housing stability and family self-sufficiency through collaboration, care and respect. Our services include shelter and rapid re-housing, job development, eviction prevention, and Parents as Teachers. In addition, SOS offers a Resource Center that provides a weekly food pantry, and walk-in services including utility and transportation assistance. For more information about SOS Community Services, including opportunities to volunteer and donate, please visit www.soscs.org.*