



# Caring Neighbours at Christmas Program Information and Tips for Sponsors

## What is the financial commitment?

We recommend \$100 -\$120 per person in each sponsored family with about half being spent on gifts and half on food for the holidays.

### How do I sign up?

- Fill out the Sponsor/Donor Information Sheet on our website or email us.
- Email or fax it to Family Services of Greater Vancouver, New Westminster
- Indicate the size of family you want to sponsor
- Indicate if you have any specific requirements: for example, age of children.

## What happens next?

- We will confirm receipt of your sponsor form.
- We will match you with a family who is eligible for the program.
- We will send you an Oath of Confidentiality form to sign and return to us. (We ask that you share the gift idea list with your group, but that you keep the name and address confidential.)
- We will email you the information about the family.
- After you accept the family, please connect with them as soon as possible.
- Have fun shopping and wrapping the presents.
- You will then contact the family and arrange a time to deliver the gifts to before December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Send us a confirmation that you delivered the gifts and write us a bit about your experience as a sponsor.

#### A few tips:

- You don't have to buy everything on the list. The gift list is for ideas.
- Feel free to connect to the family to talk about the gift ideas list
- Gift cards are usually welcome especially for food or for gifts for teens
- If you're having trouble connecting with your family or senior, please let us know as soon as possible so we can help out.
- Families only know through you whether or not they've been matched so please contact them as soon as you been matched.
- This is more meaningful to families and seniors than you can imagine. Thank you so much for being a caring neighbour.

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