

# Adopt-a-Family!



## Brighten the lives of families in a housing crisis.

Stable housing is essential in our lives to develop roots in the community, maintain job stability and nurture our children well. Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota walks with families in a housing crisis to provide crucial support, including housing/rental assistance, mental health services, goal-planning and guidance to help them maintain stability and thrive. Your gifts this holiday season will be especially meaningful.

## Ways to Give:

### Adopt-a-Family

Receive a wish list with items that families have requested – often warm clothing, bedding, pajamas, sweatshirts/sweatpants, games, books, toys, hats, and mittens.

### Gifts for Teens

Bring joy to a teen who would be excited to receive any of these gifts:

- Journal
- Gift Card (Target, Wal-Mart)
- Hoodie
- Board/Card Game
- Art Supplies/Projects
- Cozy Slippers

### Gift Cards

If would rather not shop, consider giving a gift card to support a family.

- Target
- Wal-Mart
- Cub Grocery Stores
- Major Retailers

### Cash Donation

If you would like to make a financial donation to LSS Housing Services, visit **[donate.lssmn.org](https://donate.lssmn.org)** to give online. In the gift designation drop-down box, select “other” and type in LSS Housing Services Adopt-a-Family.

Gifts can also be mailed to:  
LSS Development Team  
2485 Como Avenue  
Saint Paul, MN 55108

Please be sure to note your gift is for LSS Housing Services Adopt-a-Family.

Learn how to get involved on the back side of this flyer.

Thank you for your generosity! Together, we can bring the holiday spirit to families in need.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Q. Who does Adopt-A-Family serve?

A. This holiday gift program supports families who are in a housing crisis and working with Lutheran Social Service to secure stable housing, achieve job and school goals and strengthen family stability. This holiday season, we are aiming to providing holiday gifts to 125 families we serve.

### Q. How does Adopt-A-Family work?

A. You receive a form from Lutheran Social Service that provides a brief description of the family and their holiday wish list. We recommend shopping for 1-2 gifts for each person in the family and spending a maximum of \$40 per person.

### Q. When and where should gifts be delivered?

A. You are invited to drop off your gifts from December 11-20 at the LSS Minneapolis Office, 2400 Park Avenue in Minneapolis. Our team will distribute gifts to families.

### Q. Should gifts be wrapped?

A. We recommend that gifts come unwrapped with a name attached to each gift, so that parents can wrap gifts for their children. Simply place gifts with a name attached in a large bag with the family's name on the outside of the bag. If you would like to provide wrapping paper, families would greatly appreciate it!

### Q. Should I include a gift receipt?

A. Yes! Please include gift receipts in case a family needs to return an item for a different size, color, etc.

### Q. Can I send a financial gift?

A. If you would rather not shop but want to support a family, we recommend gift cards to major retailers, such as Target, Wal-Mart, Cub or other retailers with multiple locations.

### Q. Can I meet the family I sponsor?

A. The families we support are so appreciative of these gifts! They are in a vulnerable place in their lives, and also appreciate being anonymous.

### Q. How do I start the process to Adopt-A-Family for the holidays?

A. To get started, please reach out to Jaime Stampley,  
*LSS Senior Director of Housing Services*  
[jaime.stampley@lssmn.org](mailto:jaime.stampley@lssmn.org) or 612.879.5358.

**Thank you for your generosity!**



"I felt some relief from the stress of worrying about my kids having a roof over their heads. LSS came through. God used them to be a blessing for someone like me in my time of need."

– Harold Palm, LSS Housing Services Recipient

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