

## **Skagit Valley Herald Christmas Fund**

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If you wish to deepen your giving experience, please consider sponsoring a family this year. The Christmas Fund staff will match sponsors to needy families in our community. You may specify a certain family size or particular language or location.

# **Family Sponsorship Guidelines**

Please call the Christmas Fund at 360-419-7261 if you wish to sponsor a family. The deadline to sponsor a family is the third Wednesday in November.

The Family Sponsorship Program is an integral part of our community effort to bring a bountiful holiday season to all. By sponsoring one or more families through the Skagit Valley Herald Christmas Fund, you are providing much needed assistance to our less fortunate neighbors. We offer the following guidelines for sponsoring a family. We know of many families who would appreciate your kindness.

We encourage you to be responsive to your family's needs, but ask you to consider limiting your donation value to about \$250 per family of four, so more families may be reached through the Family Sponsorship Program.

### **Making Contact**

Contact your family as soon as assigned and inquire about any specific needs you may wish to accommodate. Let us know immediately if you are unable to reach the family.

#### Food

We ask that you provide enough food for a full holiday meal. This can be done by purchasing gift certificates to a local grocery store or buying groceries. As a guide, the Christmas Fund gives each non-sponsored family \$40 certificates for families up to five, and \$70 certificates for families up to ten.

#### **Gifts**

Feel free to inquire about what the children may want as gifts. Please provide one or two new toys/gifts for each child, within your budget. You are not expected to accommodate unreasonable requests.

### **Delivery**

Please let your family know when you will be delivering their gifts and food, and deliver at least one week prior to Christmas.

#### Questions

If you have any questions, please contact <a href="mailto:christmasfund@skagitpublishing.com">christmasfund@skagitpublishing.com</a> Thank you for your generosity.

The Skagit Valley Herald Christmas Fund is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides assistance to Skagit County families in need with toys, books, and a holiday meal. Every donation is tax deductible. Tax ID: 91-1304740.