



## 2018 Christmas for Kids Information

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear Christmas for Kids Supporter,

Through your generosity and that of our other donors, the 2017 Christmas for Kids (CFK) program allowed 1,626 children in DHS custody to have their Christmas wishes fulfilled. These children, ages newborn to eighteen years, were placed in the state's care due to abuse and/or neglect by their parent or caretaker and were then placed into a foster home, group home, treatment center, or psychiatric facility. Our goal is to ensure that these children experience the same holiday joy and excitement we feel at this time each year.

Please consider the following ways to contribute to the **2018 CFK Program**:

- **Sponsor a Child:** Fulfill a child's wish list by purchasing gifts not to exceed \$75 per child. You will be sent a child's wish list, which includes specific toy requests, clothing sizes, and interests.
- **Toy Drives:** About one-third of the children in DHS custody are not sponsored by a donor. We rely on toy collections and monetary donations to fill these remaining wish lists. Bicycles for all ages and gift cards in any denomination are also a great way to give!
- **Monetary Donations:** Check and cash donations are *preferred*, and used to purchase additional toys and gift cards for children ages 13 and over. Your dollar will go further as a donation. Visit [paypal.me/TAPC](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.tapchelps.org) to donate online.
- **Amazon Wish List:** You can order directly from our Amazon Christmas for Kids Wish List and have the items shipped directly to us. Visit our wish list at: <http://a.co/9shzhMv> (or visit [www.tapchelps.org](http://www.tapchelps.org) for a direct link to the wish list).
- **Volunteer:** We would love your help with set up, gift collection, gift distribution, or shopping. Please contact Maura at [Maura.Browne@okdhs.org](mailto:Maura.Browne@okdhs.org) or 918-706-1608 if you, your company, or your family would like to help!

Complete instructions for participating in the CFK program are outlined in the attached document.

**Gift Drop-off Dates:** Monday, December 10, 2018 through Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> (9:00am – 5:30pm), and Friday, December 14, 2018 from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

**Gift Drop-off Location:** For the eighth year, Venture Properties has generously donated the use of the former Borders Books space located at 2740 E. 21<sup>st</sup> St. in Tulsa as a gift drop-off location.

**Gift Pick-up Coordination:** Contact Maura Browne at 918-706-1608 or the email above to schedule a time to pick up gifts.

Appreciatively,

Maura Browne, OKDHS  
Christmas for Kids Coordinator

Christina Siemens, Tulsa Advocates for the Protection of Children  
Executive Director