

FAMILY SHARING PROGRAMS

Family Sharing Programs (FSPs) are a perfect demonstration of Samaritan House's motto, "neighbor helping neighbor." Through these programs, donors like you can "adopt" local, low-income families or seniors for the holiday season.

The Adopt-a-Family Program matches families in need with individual and/or corporate sponsors who adopt them for the holidays, providing new clothes, toys and food.

The NEW Adopt-A-Senior Program is a holiday food and gift program created as a way to brighten the lives of lonely and financially challenged seniors, and bring the joy of the holiday season into the lives of older adults in our community.

WHO SHOULD CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN FSPs?

If you prefer a more personal, hands-on experience with the people you are helping this holiday season, then FSPs are right for you. Oftentimes, businesses, youth groups, groups of neighbors, or churches will pool their resources to adopt one or more families, or seniors.

WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT?

As a "**Family Sponsor**," you are responsible for providing your adopted family or families with food or grocery store gift cards, plus gifts for children in the family who are younger than 17. You should contact the family to find out specific needs and/or gift wishes and to arrange a delivery time.

As a "**Senior Sponsor**," you are responsible for providing your adopted senior or senior couple with food or grocery store gift cards, plus a gift.

Once you have made the holiday purchases, you will deliver the items directly to the family or senior and hopefully spend some time chatting with them and sharing in the spirit of the holidays.

IMPORTANT DATES

Family Sharing Programs are offered in *December only*, meaning that client families and seniors will receive assistance directly from Samaritan House in November. Samaritan House will begin matching client families and seniors with sponsors in late November. You will need to contact your "adopted" family or senior to obtain their "wish lists" by December 15th, and arrange to deliver to them no later than December 22nd.

MONETARY GUIDELINES

We have designed the following monetary guidelines for the FSPs to ensure that all of our client families and seniors receive a consistent level of assistance through the program:

- **Food purchases** of \$25 to \$35 per person
- **Gift purchases** of \$50 to \$70 per child (under 17) and \$25 to \$30 per senior.
- **Optional extras** such as gifts for parents of \$10 to \$15 per person

Sponsoring a family of two (one parent, one child) will cost between \$100 and \$140.

Sponsoring a family of four (two parents, two children) will cost between \$200 and \$280.

Sponsoring a single senior will cost between \$50 and \$65.

Sponsoring a senior couple will cost between \$100 and \$130.

HOW TO SIGN UP

Step 1: Based on the monetary guidelines provided, decide what size family or families or number of seniors you would like to adopt this holiday season.

Step 2: Fill out the form below and send it by mail or fax, or e-mail all requested information to Samaritan House:

By mail: 1511 S. Claremont St., San Mateo, CA 94402

By fax: (650) 341-0526

By e-mail: FamilySharing@samaritanhouse.com

Step 3: Soon after we receive your information, you will receive a thorough Family Sharing Programs guide that will explain how to complete each step of the program.

We have approximately 200 families and 50 seniors who are eligible for the Family Sharing Programs. If you are interested in FSP, please sign up early.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS:

Please contact the Family Sharing Program Hotline, at (650) 341-4081, X18, or send an e-mail to FamilySharing@samaritanhouse.com.

Name: _____ Group Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

of **FAMILIES** I/we would like to adopt: _____
 Size of family/families I/we would like to adopt:
 2 members 3 members 4 members 5 members Other: _____
 I/We would feel comfortable sponsoring a family whose primary language is not English:
 YES NO YES with assistance from Samaritan House
 If YES: Language(s) that I or someone in my group speak(s): _____

of **SENIOR** Households I/we would like to adopt: _____
 Size of Senior Household(s) I/we would like to adopt:
 Single Senior Senior Couple
 I/We would feel comfortable sponsoring Senior Household whose primary language is not English:
 YES NO YES with assistance from Samaritan House
 If YES: Language(s) that I or someone in my group speak(s): _____