## **Adopt a Family>Adopter Guidelines**



## Experience the wonderful and fulfilling feeling of giving at Christmas.

The "Adopt a Family" program is a very special and intimate way of helping a neighbourhood family at Christmas. Many families are using the "Adopt a Family" program to help their children make a more meaningful connection to Christmas and present's a great opportunity to understand the issues of poverty, need, relief, the less fortunate, and the underprivileged.

**In confidence** and with the permission of the "adopted family", Community Centre 55 can match a family, local business, group, etc. with a family in our community.

The adopting relationship ends when the Christmas Hamper is delivered. Should the adopter and the adoptee wish to continue developing a mutually agreed to relationship, this relationship is no longer under the purview of Community Centre 55.

## Approximate cost:

Generally speaking the cost to "Adopt a Family" is proportionate to the constitution of the family. The cost can range anywhere from \$300.00 to \$500.00, essentially the larger the family, the more it will cost.

Commitment to the "Adopt a Family" program requires full Christmas adoption of a family. The adopting family must provide the same level of service that would have been provided by Community Centre 55.

This includes a grocery gift card for the family. For some families dietary restrictions, allergies, religion, may restrict them from eating certain foods and a gift card allows them to buy for themselves.

Family of 2: \$250.00 Family of 3 or more: \$350.00

"NEW" age/gender appropriate gifts for each child (at least one should be of the season's top 10)

"NEW" hats, mittens, and scarves are welcomed as well as other supplementary items. We strongly recommend a maximum \$150.00 to 200.00 per child.

Once matched with a family, it's recommended that you contact your family to confirm their address, buzzer code, if applicable, age and sex of the children, delivery date and time. Do not deliver to your family until you have completed this task.

The Christmas Hamper is to be delivered by the adopter on or before December 19.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You are responsible for confirming the delivery date with both Community Centre 55 and the adoptee.

If you are unable to deliver the hamper, Community Centre 55 will be happy to assist you.

Please note operational hours for staff assistance with the Adopt a Family Program are Monday to Friday, 9:00

a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Please Note: Staff will not be available to offer assistance after 12:00 pm, December 22 as Centre 55 will be closed for Christmas until after the New Year.

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