




2023 Holiday Tree

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is Champions for Children?

- Champions for Children is a child abuse prevention and family education agency that has been building stronger families in Tampa Bay since 1976. Through our programs, parents receive hands-on training, support and the information needed to face the many challenges and pleasures of raising healthy, happy and well-adjusted children.
- **Who qualifies to participate in this Holiday Tree?**
 - The families who are being registered for this Holiday Tree are hand selected by their programs' staff as being "in need" of support through the holidays. The families must be active participants in their programs and children aged newborn – 12 years old.
- **How many families can I (or my group) adopt?**
 - There is no limit to the number of families you or your group can adopt. If your group is interested in adopting more than 10 families, please reach out to Kristina Kilpatrick directly at kkilpatrick@cfctb.org and she will assist you with that process.
- **How much am I expected to spend per child in the household?**
 - **We also ask that you stick to the family's wish list and not purchase additional gifts.** If you wish to add something, please feel free to include one small stocking stuffer item per child (approx. \$5 or less). **If you have a big heart and want to do more, we encourage you to sponsor another family!**
- **How many gifts am I expected to provide per child in the household?**
 - We do not have a set number of gifts each child will receive, but we ask that donors do their best to keep it the same across all the children in the household so that one child does not receiving more or fewer gifts than their siblings.
- **How will I know what to buy?**
 - Our staff have been working to obtain specific wish lists for each child. [The database, linked here, contains all the families who have been selected to participate in the Holiday Tree.](#) Simply select a family from that list and you will see the wishes of each child within the family.

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- **What if I cannot find the specific toy a child is requesting?**
 - It is okay to provide a comparable item if you are unable to locate a specific toy/wish of a child. The wish lists are suggestions to aid sponsors' shopping but not necessarily the only options.
 - **Can I request more information about the child's likes/dislikes to better shop for them?**
 - If you have additional questions about specifics around what to purchase, contact Kristina Kilpatrick at kkilpatrick@cfctb.org and she can put sponsors in contact with the family's staff person who knows them best.
 - **How could this Holiday Tree model work with a large group or office?**
 - If you have a group or business who would like to participate with the Holiday Tree this year, there are many options for your group. Our client families could be sponsored by your business, teams within the office, or on an individual basis. There is flexibility in this model to fit your groups' needs. If your group or business is interested in sponsoring families, reach out to Kristina Kilpatrick at kkilpatrick@cfctb.org for logistical assistance.
 - **Are gift cards okay?**
 - YES! However, we ask that gift cards be for specific stores or items. Please avoid credit card-style gift cards that can be used broadly.
 - **How do I get the unwrapped gifts to the family?**
 - Drop off will take place at 3108 W. Azeele St. Tampa, FL 33609. **Saturday, December 2nd** we will have a drop off window from **10am-12pm**. **December 4th, 5th, and 6th** drop off will be from **4pm-6pm**. **December 7th and 8th** drop off will be from **8-10am AND 4-6pm**. When you drop off your gifts, please ensure that gifts are grouped together by family (if there are multiple families) and bring a written list of everything you are dropping off and which family each item is for. This will help us ensure everything gets to the right family in a timely fashion. **We also ask that you include a new roll of wrapping paper for each family that you sponsor.** If you are unable to drop off your gifts during one of those times, please email Kristina Kilpatrick at kkilpatrick@cfctb.org.
 - **What happens if I select a family and then become unable to fulfill their wish list?**
 - We understand that circumstances sometimes change. If you become unable to fulfill your selected family's wishes, please alert Kristina Kilpatrick at kkilpatrick@cfctb.org as soon as possible so she can make them available for another potential Holiday Champion to choose.
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