



Christmas in Coweta FAQ: Sponsors

What should I buy for the child I sponsored?

We suggest using the provided Wishlist as a guide for buying for the child.

So, say you have Sam's list, and he has asked for Legos, a remote-controlled car, and a basketball. You would focus on getting one or two of the Wish items and then look at Sam's listed needs or use the clothing sizes provided to buy him a new outfit. He also has listed that he loves to read Dogman, so that you could buy him a book, etc.

The amount spent is up to the sponsor; however, a good rule of thumb is around \$150 per child.

*We ask if you are buying for more than one child in the same family, you keep gifts fair and do not provide more for one sibling than the other.

*Additional items for the family, like food or household supplies, are okay—but they must be in addition to the wish list provided to you, not in place of, and not required.

Do I have to buy everything listed on the Wishlist?

No, these lists are meant to be guides, not expectations. The amount spent is up to the sponsor; however, a good rule of thumb is around \$150 per child

Can I provide gently used clothes or toys?

No, please provide only new items.

Can I include Gift receipts?

Yes, if you buy clothes or shoes, you can include a gift receipt. Keep in mind, parents fill out the application in October, and sometimes kids can grow quickly, so their size needed may change by Christmas. We suggest that the parents be mindful of growth, but kids can grow quicker than anticipated.

Can I wrap the presents?

No, we have found over the years that parents are comforted in knowing what the kids have received. You can, however, provide gift wrap so they can wrap everything themselves.

Can I buy gifts for the Parents/Family?

Yes, if you want to do a little extra and buy something for the parents or give a family gift, that is ok. Please remember this is in addition to the gifts for the child.

When can I return the gifts I purchased?

We ask that you drop off on the date and time provided to you when you receive your child's wish list. We will have BTG staff on site during that time. **Please do not drop off at any other time or with anyone other than BTG staff.**

What if I can't drop off on the gift drop-off day?

We ask that you make every effort to find a trusted family member or friend to deliver your gifts for you on that day. We only have access to the donated space during set times. We do understand that things come up so please reach out to Jennifer Hooper in that situation to make alternate day and drop off arrangements. *Please only do this if there is no other option, as we normally will have gifts for over 800 children being dropped off at our donated space.*

How do I package the gifts for my sponsored child to drop off?

Please follow these steps below. With over 800 children's gifts being dropped off at our location, this will help us keep everything organized.

- 1) Print out the child's Wishlist tag, which was provided to you. Make sure you can see the Family ID# at the top of the tag.
- 2) Place the unwrapped gifts for the child into a black garbage bag, if you have a black yard bag that seems to work best. You may also use other forms of plastic containers (not transparent), or tote bags, as long as they are durable and can be closed, so things do not fall out.
- 3) Use clear packing tape to adhere the Child's Wishlist to the outside of the bag. Be sure to tape it so that it does not come off easily. **DO NOT** staple the tag; please use tape.
- 4) If you have items that will not fit inside a trash bag, please print out an extra tag and adhere it to the item. An example may be a bike; in this case, please tape the Wishlist tag to the seat of the bike.

** If you have purchased for more than one child, please repeat this process for each child; do not combine sibling gifts into the same bag.

** If you have a gift for the family, please label that item using this format: **FamilyID: XXXX- Family gift**. Use clear packing tape and adhere the tag to the item/bag/box.

How do you make sure that the gifts I buy are given to the child who wished for them?

Each child is assigned a Family ID# found at the top of the Wishlist. This same number is assigned to the Parents/Guardians who applied for help. This is why labeling bags is important. We want to ensure the gifts get to the intended family.

What if I have a question? Who do I contact?

Please email Jennifer Hooper at Jennifer.hooper@btgcommunity.org