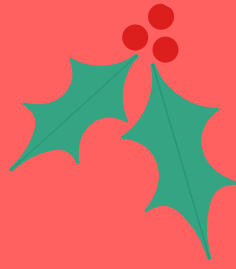




A HOW TO GUIDE & KIT TO DONATING

Christmas **GIFTS**

TO FAMILIES IN NEED IN
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



SEARCH FOR A LOCAL FACEBOOK GROUP

It's likely that your town or surrounding area has a Facebook Group dedicated to its local members! This is a great place to start.

**YOU CAN POST A SIMPLE MESSAGE;
THIS IS WHAT I DID!**



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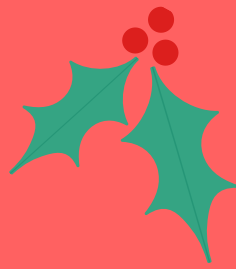
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I want to spread some holiday kindness and make Christmas gift boxes for children and families in Middletown. If you are a family in need, or know someone in need, please DM me! I'd love to hear your story and provide.

I'm not associated with anyone/a church/company - just an idea I had and want to try and help people! Thanks all. ❤️





START CONNECTING IN YOUR DM'S!

I find it's most respectful to ask essential questions only, so people can have their privacy honored. Most people who reach out to you will share their situation openly.



Hi I'm sorry you're in a season of struggle. That can feel like such a heavy weight - what are things your or family loves/or likes? Including you, your husband or any little interests of your kids 😊💕



MAKE YOUR LIST AND CHECK IT TWICE

Start making a list for each family based on the details they shared. This gives you an idea of what is most needed or desired. It's often not just gifts but also basics (food, supplies, diapers).



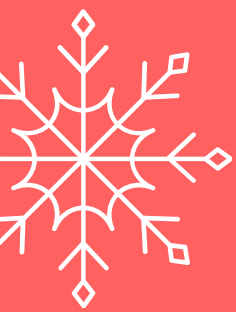
Pick a date on your calender for "delivery day" and say you'll be in touch with additional details (home address or meeting location) in a few days/weeks.





BUDGET & FAMILY CHATS!

It's super important to use the lists to set a budget per/family or for this project so that you can do this with peace of mind and ease. I find it's easiest to do this after creating a list and getting an idea of the need. Then, you should talk to members of your family (spouses/partners), if you haven't already, to ensure they are comfortable.



BUSINESS OUTREACH

If you want extra support for basic supplies or groceries, you can connect with local businesses or national chains requesting support. You can click on the letter below and get a copy of the template I made! Check it out if you've never done this before.



**CLICK FOR THE LETTER
TEMPLATE!**

OR COPY THIS LINK:

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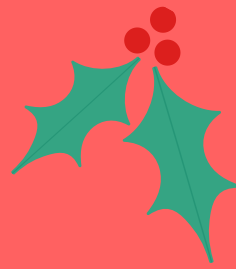
Label all your boxes/gifts in advance, with names of family members/addresses, and plan your best route based on the provided locations (homes or meeting points). Especially if you are a female, please ensure you have someone with you (spouse, friend, family member) to help you and for your safety. I would block the entire day out and have a wide range between meetings.

WHAT MAKES THIS IDEA DIFFERENT?

This involves getting to know the families and hearing their stories—no middleman/red tape. While mass donating is excellent, you can use your creativity to assemble supplies and your personal touch, including delivering them yourself. It increases your self-awareness of your immediate surroundings and what you already have in your life.

You may also connect with a new friend or someone who wants to learn your skillset. This is a great way to build longer relationships and offer more help!





FAQ: WHAT IF PEOPLE ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE/NOT TRUTHFUL?

My Response (Always): Most people are honest, kind, and transparent.

But, If someone is dishonest (not in need) and takes the place of someone in need, that is their burden to carry. If someone does this, it means they are in need, but in different ways (trauma, emotional). This action might change the course for them as well.

To help those out of your comfort zone, you must step out of your usual surroundings, which comes with risks. But that is much more important than not doing it all.

