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Thanksgiving Sponsorship Program Overview/FAQs

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Thank you for your interest in the Thanksgiving Sponsorship Program! The holiday season can be a very stressful time of year. Especially for parents enrolled in one of the Save the Family programs as they worry about their ability to create positive memories and traditions for their children. Our client families would not be able to afford the holidays without the help of generous sponsors like YOU!

How it works:

- Purchase non-perishable food items on our approved list
- Purchase a $30 grocery gift card so they can purchase perishable items appropriate to their family size and traditions
- Historically sponsors have spent about $60 per family for these items
- You can sponsor multiple families if you desire
- All items should be packed in a laundry basket or sturdy box to enable easy transport to family's homes by Save the Family staff

The 2016 Thanksgiving delivery date is Monday, November 21st. Please mark your calendars early as all deliveries must be completed on this date. Contact our Holiday Sponsorship volunteers for more information or to sign up for a family. You can reach our Holiday Sponsorship Department at 480-898-0228 x217 or holidays@savethefamily.org. Thank you again for your interest in making a difference in our family's lives this holiday season!

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How it works:

- Purchase gifts for each family member from their wish-lists
- Average spending limit per family member $80-100
- Purchase a $50 grocery gift card so they can purchase food for their holiday dinner
- Family sizes vary, consider your total budget when choosing a family
- You can sponsor multiple families if you desire
- A households needs list will be provided with the wish list, if you are inclined to do a little extra for your family
- All gifts must be wrapped and labeled with recipient name and client family number you're provided
- All items should be packed in storage bins or boxes to enable easy transport to family's homes by Save the Family staff

The 2016 Holiday delivery dates are Friday, December 16th and Saturday, December 17th(8am-12pm).Please mark your calendars early as late deliveries will jeopardize the family's ability to receive the gifts before Christmas. Contact the Holiday Sponsorship volunteers for more information or to sign up for a family. You can reach our Holiday Sponsorship Department at 480-898-0228 x217 or holidays@savethefamily.org. Thank you again for your interest in making a difference in our family's lives this holiday season!

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Can I sponsor a family for both Thanksgiving and the Holidays?
A. Absolutely! Sponsors can choose whether they would like to sponsor a family for Thanksgiving, the Holidays - or both!

Q. Can we meet the family we sponsor?
A. Unfortunately, no. While you may be able to choose the profile of the family you sponsor, such as a single mom with toddler age children, it is not possible to know the identity of the family, or to meet with them. Many of the client families in Save the Family's program come from a background of domestic violence. Consequently, client confidentiality is of the utmost importance to Save the Family.

Q. How will we know that our family received their gifts?
A. Sponsors will receive a Thank You card, and sometimes a photo, from the family.

Q. How much will we spend on a family for the Holidays?
A. Families are asked to keep their wish lists reasonable. It is important to not encourage an expectation of higher prices gifts that cannot be maintained outside of our program. A holiday sponsorship will generally cost around $80.00-$100.00 per family member, including the holiday meal. (Thanksgiving baskets are approximately $60.00).

Q. What is an "In-Kind" form and why is it important?
A. The "In-Kind" form is very important to Save the Family because it allows us to keep track of volunteer hours and donations that directly benefit our clients – that information can be helpful in applying for certain funding grants. The "In-Kind" form is important for you, the sponsor, because it serves as your receipt for tax purposes.

Q. If we leave a message on the Holiday Hotline, when will our call be returned?
A. Your call will be returned by Save the Family within two business days.

Q. Why do we need to put our items in a sturdy laundry basket or clear plastic storage box?
A. Client families can use the baskets or boxes in the future, and using relatively uniform size and shape containers makes delivery much more manageable for the Save the Family team.

Q. What are the scheduled delivery days for dropping off our sponsorship donations?
A. Thanksgiving Deliveries are scheduled from 8am-4pm on Monday, November 21st.
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Q. Why is it important to stick to our assigned delivery date and time?
A. All Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets and Holiday Packages are dropped off at Save the Family and then re-delivered to our client's homes on the same day during our scheduled drop-off and delivery days. This is a carefully orchestrated process that requires precise scheduling. If you run into a conflict with your scheduled drop-off time please call the Holiday Sponsorship Hotline at 480-898-0228 ext. 217 as soon as possible to arrange a new time.

Q. Where will we go to drop off our Holiday deliveries?
A. All Holiday deliveries are dropped off at the Save the Family administrative offices, located at 125 E. University Dr., Mesa, AZ 85201. Further instructions will be provided once you sign up.

Q. Our group is interested in staying involved throughout the year – are there other things we can do?
A. Absolutely! We have a wide range of projects for individuals to large groups – contact us for information about how you can support our work throughout the year. Call our volunteer department at 480-898-0228 x 201 for more information.