



Centerville City Schools

October 12, 2009

Dear Centerville Rotarians,

For the eighth consecutive year, Centerville City Schools (CCS) will be adopting families and providing holiday gifts for our CCS children in need. This is a collaborative effort with the CHS Mass Communication Staff, Centerville High School advisories, CCS, and the community. Last year through this partnership, we provided gifts for 417 children in 183 families. Families assisted are either economically disadvantaged or have had some type of unusual circumstance – job loss, illness, unexpected family crisis, etc., which challenges their ability to provide a holiday experience enjoyed by most CCS children. We are now in the process of identifying families for the 2009 school year. The high school advisories will adopt approximately 50 families again this year, leaving additional families to be adopted by departments, service organizations, churches, community groups, etc. Unfortunately, in these challenging economic times, the needs in Centerville/Washington Township continue to increase.

Would your organization be interested in adopting one or more of our needy families? If you choose to adopt a family, we ask sponsors to purchase a minimum of 3 gifts per younger child, 1 to 2 per older child. Typically the amount spent on each child is \$75. For confidentiality purposes, each child will have an identification code. You will be provided with child's age, gender, sizes, and gift ideas. Wish Lists (sample enclosed) will be distributed to "adopters" during the week of November 16. We can provide you with a family of one child, or as many as 6 children – depending on how many children you are able to adopt. Gifts need to be wrapped, labeled with the identification codes, and delivered to Cline Elementary School (99 Virginia Avenue) on Thursday evening, December 3, or Central Office (111 Virginia Avenue) on Monday morning, December 7. Additional information is in the enclosed brochure.

If you are interested in participating in this worthwhile project this holiday season, please contact Marilyn Simpson or Molly Winters (phone 433-8841 ext. 259, or e-mail Marilyn.Simpson@centerville.k12.oh.us, or Molly.Winters@centerville.k12.oh.us). As you can imagine, this is a huge undertaking! But it is clear that the needs in our own backyard continue to grow. Whatever commitment your group is able to make, your kindness will touch many hearts and bring smiles to many faces!

Thank you,

Terry L. Riley
Associate Superintendent

Marilyn Simpson

AVP District Coordinator

Molly Winters

AVP Assistant Coordinator

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MY WISH LIST

(Parents/guardians – please help your child complete all three sections.)

Dear Santa and Friends,

I am a _____ year old boy / girl. I am in the _____ grade. I am interested in things like _____ and _____.

1. **Things I need** (put a check by each needed item, indicate preferred color, and indicate the size needed):

Item	Color	Size
_____ Winter Coat	_____	_____ (circle one: toddler <u>OR</u> child <u>OR</u> junior <u>OR</u> adult)
_____ Pants/jeans	_____	_____ (circle one: toddler <u>OR</u> child <u>OR</u> junior <u>OR</u> adult)
_____ Shirt/ top	_____	_____ (circle one: toddler <u>OR</u> child <u>OR</u> junior <u>OR</u> adult)
_____ Shoes	_____	_____ (circle one: child <u>OR</u> adult)
_____ Snow Boots	_____	_____ (circle one: child <u>OR</u> adult)
_____ Socks	_____	_____ (circle one: child <u>OR</u> adult)
_____ Gloves/mittens	_____	_____
_____ Hat	_____	_____
_____ Other _____	_____	_____ (indicate size if needed)

2. **The present I want most of all this holiday is:**

(Please give as much information as possible such as make, model, color, size, type, price, store. If you list a video, please list the type of system. Please do not request gift cards. Thank you!)

Other things I would like include:

_____ or _____ or _____

3. **Educational item(s)** (put a check by items needed and indicate type or name):

Item	Type or name
_____ Book(s)	_____
_____ Game(s)	_____
_____ Supplies (pencils, pens, notebooks, backpack, etc.)	_____
_____ Other	_____

Your friend,

Parent /Guardian Name: _____

Phone number where parent/guardian can be reached: _____

Centerville High School,
the CHS Mass Communication Staff, and
Centerville City Schools

"Our sincerest appreciation for your generosity and kind gifts. My children and I have had a difficult year with fighting to keep our home (we have prevailed) and now with my oldest set to deploy. We had pretty much decided this would be a very emotional time for us. We are blessed to live in a community that cares. Bless you and we pray that you will be richly rewarded for being a person who seeks to help and provide joy for those otherwise unable. We thank you and wish you a very happy holiday season." —from an appreciative family, December 2008

"Thank you so much for your wonderful holiday gifts. It's really making our difficult times easier." —from an appreciative family, December 2008

CONTACT INFORMATION

Invite You to
become part of

Adopt -A- Family 2009

Phone

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A special holiday program
providing gifts and food for
families in need



You can help bring a smile to the face of a child by becoming part of the *Adopt-A-Family* program.

This is a collaborative effort among Centerville High School, the CHS Mass Communication Staff, Centerville City Schools, and the Centerville/Washington Township community to provide holiday gifts for our neediest children. The families of these children are in financial need for many reasons including job loss, illness, and unexpected family crises. These are local children who might not share in the joys of the holiday season if their community does not help.

There are several ways you can participate. You can "adopt" a child whereupon you will receive that child's Wish List, then purchase new gifts, spending approximately \$75 for that child. Also, each family receives a holiday basket filled with food. You could choose to donate non-perishable foods for these baskets. Another option is to make a financial contribution that would be used to purchase gifts or food for the adopted families. Remaining funds are used throughout the year to meet urgent needs (including school supplies, clothing, food, etc.) of children and families. The value of all gifts and items is tax deductible. Centerville City Schools will provide a contribution receipt upon request.

At this time of year, there are many worthwhile programs and agencies asking for your help. Be assured that all donations to

Adopt-A-Family go directly to local families. These are families, here in our community, who need your help. Please consider joining in this collaborative effort today! By participating, you will be making a difference in a family's life.



"What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for each other?"

—George Eliot



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

—Winston Churchill

How Do I Participate?

1. Respond by November 5 to be an "adopter," donate food, make a financial contribution or for more information. See contact information on the back of this brochure.
2. If you "adopt," you will receive a Wish List(s) for the child(ren) adopted during the week of November 16.
3. Purchase and wrap gifts.
4. Deliver gifts to Centerville Schools:
Two Options
 - A. Drop off gifts at Cline Elementary School (99 Virginia Avenue, 45458) on Thursday, December 3, between 3:30 and 7:30 PM
 - OR
 - B. Drop off gifts at CCS Central Office (111 Virginia Avenue, 45458 – behind Cline School) on Monday, December 7, between 8 AM and 12 noon (there will be signs leading you to the correct door).