

Adopt-a-Family Donor Guidelines



Thank you for your interest in the Windham Area Interfaith Ministry's Adopt-a-Family program. For the holidays, local social service agencies and Windham area schools refer families of limited income who are experiencing a crisis, which makes it impossible for them to provide a holiday meal or gifts for their children. We match those families with people like you who wish to "adopt" them.

How To Adopt a Family?

Getting started

As a donor you:

- Choose *the size* of the family you wish to "adopt". (Between 2-8 members)
- Provide a gift card to a local supermarket for the family to purchase items for a holiday meal.
- Decide whether to deliver gifts and gift card directly to your family or drop them off to WAIM for pick up by the family.
- Purchase a reasonable number of gifts per family member. We suggest spending no more than \$50 per member.
- May adopt as many families as you wish!

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Contact Kristin Fortier at 860-456-7270 X 105 or by email at volunteeradmin@waimct.org

How to submit my application?

- Email it to volunteeradmin@waimct.org
- Drop it off at WAIM, 866 Main St., Willimantic, Tuesday- Friday between 9am -4pm, Sat 9-12pm
- Mail it to: WAIM/AAF
P.O. Box 221
Willimantic, CT 06226

When will I receive my family *

- As soon as referring agencies and schools send us a family that matches your family size request and any other request you have made.
- Typically, by the beginning of December most donors and families will be matched.

When do I make my delivery?

- Home delivery is mutually decided by you and the family but *no later* than the 3rd week in December.
- WAIM drop-off is at:
866 Main Street, Willimantic
– Main Entrance- at ramp, ring doorbell
– Deliveries will not be accepted at loading dock.
- * **When you receive your family's info, promptly call the caseworker or the family to get more specific help, ideas, or directions. You will receive contact information for both.**

**We appreciate your patience!
We have no control over
when referrals are submitted.**



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