



Dear Friends,

Christmas is coming quickly. With it the joy and anticipation of peace, joy, family and friends. Please help us spread the joy of the season for those in our community who struggle to meet their basic needs. Help make a child or a few children realize the peace and joy of the season for the first time by adopting by one of the families being helped by the Family Support Network.

The Family Support Network assists families in the Billings area who are at risk for abuse or neglect. These families work with the FSN home care professionals to learn fundamental concepts such as nutrition, hygiene, and budgeting and parenting skills. The twice weekly and on-call visits help the families become safe, healthy and independent. By providing simple gifts for one of the families that participates in the Family Support Network, you will allow them to celebrate Christmas. Please know that we work closely with other agencies in the community to avoid duplication.

The Christmas adoption program is operated anonymously through our home visit professionals. They assist their families with writing a wish list for a toy and clothing item for each child and a gift selection for the parents. This list is then passed onto individuals and/or groups who agree to “adopt” a family and provide Christmas gifts based on the wish list or to make a cash donation. Our home visit professionals deliver the gifts the week of Christmas. For most of the families in our network, these are the only gifts they receive during the holiday season.

For many families and groups in Billings shopping for an adopted family has become a cherished holiday tradition. I hope you will join us by making this a part of your holiday tradition, as well. Please return the enclosed card or call us at 256-7783 and we’ll send you or your group a family wish list. If you want us to do the shopping for you, just send your donation and we’ll take care of the shopping and wrapping. Thank you for joining with us to make Christmas special for the neediest among us.

Sincerely,

Mary Underriner
Christmas Volunteer