



Cherokee County Department of Family and Children Services

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RE: _____

Dear Foster Parents,

We are now planning for our 2008 Secret Santa Program and we're excited to be working with you again to help provide Christmas gifts for the foster children in your care. This letter and attachments contain all the information you'll require, so please read over everything carefully.

The enclosed blank wish list, both front and back should be completed by you and your child. As we did last year, we've kept the six gift spaces, divided into "Things I Want" and "Things I Need". This change was well-received by our sponsors who said it really helped them make purchasing decisions. Thank you for your help with that! The completed list for children currently in your home should be returned to DFCS immediately or no later than Monday, Oct. 20th. We'll match the lists with a sponsor, who will purchase gifts for the children. The gifts are then brought to our location. Once delivery of gifts going to your home is complete, we will call you and arrange for pick up. You can then place the gifts under the tree for Christmas morning! If you plan to provide for your children without agency assistance, please advise us immediately at 404-435-9775.

If you have children in your home whose names do not appear at the top of this letter, or you take children into your home after receipt of this letter, contact us or your case manager for additional wish lists. Also, if you take children into your home after receipt of this letter from another foster home, please check with the child to be certain they've submitted a wish list. We don't want anyone to be left out on Christmas morning.

This program applies only to children in the legal custody of Cherokee County. If you have children from other counties, please contact the case manager in that county to discuss plans for providing for those children.

We realize that foster parents welcome children into their home on an ongoing basis. The October 20th deadline does not apply to any child who comes into your home after you've received this letter. However, if you could possibly get late wish lists in to us as quickly as possible, we'll have a better chance to match them with a sponsor. Remember, submitting your list in a timely manner ensures that your child will be sponsored and receive gifts on Christmas morning.

As in the past, this program is operated by volunteers. We ask your patience if you call and need to leave a message; we will return your important phone call as soon as possible. All Secret Santa calls should be directed to Ann Feczko or Fran Lally at 404-435-9775.

Sincerely,

CHEROKEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES
SECRET SANTA VOLUNTEERS - GWEN, CHARLENE, MOLLY, FRAN AND ANN
Secret Santa Cell Phone: 404-435-9775

Website: www.cherokeesanta.org Please feel free to direct anyone who may be interested to the website for more info on how to sponsor a child for Christmas!!