A Gift to Remember

Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities (SCHC) brings hope to our community by helping low-income families, seniors on fixed incomes, individuals suffering from long-term illness and people facing unforeseen circumstances through difficult times. Through SCHC's '*A Gift to Remember'*, you can join with your family, friends, or colleagues to create a special holiday season for one or more families through our holiday sponsorship program.

As a sponsor, you will be matched with a family or families, a single or elderly couple, or someone ill and/or disabled in need of extra support. We request that you tell us the size and/or number of families you wish to sponsor. We will provide you with the age and gender of each family member to assist you with your purchases. You will then be ready to create a special holiday wish package for your Sponsored Family.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the eligibility requirements for families?
All families who apply for assistance through SCHC's A Gift to Remember are enrolled in one of our programs in the Scarborough area and are living at or below the poverty level. Many of the families who seek our services are in need of extra support and we believe it is important, especially for the children, that they are able to celebrate the holiday season with warmth and dignity.

Can we meet the family(ies) we've sponsored?
The family's information will be shared with the sponsor to help with gift selections and so you can deliver your packages. Should the families agree. Sponsors are required to sign an oath of confidentiality as a condition of their sponsorship and are expected to maintain this confidentiality during and after their involvement. If you are not able to deliver your packages, then please contact us so you can drop it off to us for families to collect.

Should we wrap the gifts?
We do not require that you wrap the gifts, but if you are so inclined, absolutely. Having wrapped gifts would ensure the children cannot peek! Just make sure you include the recipient's name on each package.

How do I deliver my package/gifts?
Before you deliver your package/gifts, you should contact the family and schedule a time that works for both of you to make your special delivery. You do not want to arrive at an empty house or to a surprised homeowner. It is very important that you make arrangements prior to your arrival. You may also connect with us and delivery to the food bank.

When must the packages/gifts be ready?
All packages should be delivered to the family(ies) by December 20th, 2026. Families will be instructed to call our office if they have not heard from their sponsor or received their packages/gifts by December 20. Remember, an undelivered package/gift means a very disappointed family, so please give yourself a few days reminder notice of this date.

Approximately how much does it cost?
We are requesting one **(maximum of two)** small gift, approximately $25 in value for each child under the age of 19. A clothing items such as mitts, hat or scarf, may also be included for each child.

This year we are asking sponsors to provide a food hamper or grocery gift card so the family will have a special holiday meal. In the food hamper, you can include the following, however we encourage you to speak to the family to determine any dietary restrictions:

- Protein Item (Canned or fresh)
- peanut butter/ jams/ spreads
- Cereal and/or pancake mix, syrup
- holiday treats
- coffee/tea
- canned vegetables and fruit

Some families prefer to be provided a larger grocery gift card instead of purchased food items. This is provides the families with their own purchasing power.

Often past sponsor have included some fun extras, such as hygiene items, candles, or family games. We encourage you to create packages as creatively as you wish. Have fun with the presentation and let the care you feel shine through!

Can I simply send money or gift cards?
You are more than welcome to donate money or purchase gift cards for this program. Please indicate on your donation that they are in support of SCHC's A Gift to Remember Program.

Can I organize a toy or food drive?
Absolutely! Unfortunately due to increasing needs in the community, not all of our families will receive a sponsor. If you are interested in SCHC being the beneficiary of your organization's toy or food drive, please email Shivana Sankar, at ssankar@schcontario.ca or 416- 847-4141 and we will send you details regarding deadlines, donation items and delivery instructions.

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Thank you for becoming a part of SCHC's extended family by helping to brighten the lives of our community members. Your generosity and support makes a difference. Together we can make it a truly Happy Holiday.

Contact Information

☐Mr. ☐Mrs. ☐Ms. ☐Dr. ☐Rev. ☐Other _____

(Main Contact) First Name: _____ Last Name:_____

Company Name _____

Address: _____Apt/Suite:_____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Telephone:_____ Business \ Cell Telephone: _____

E-mail _____

☐ I want to deliver my package(s) to my sponsored family(ies)

☐I do **not** want to deliver my package(s) to my sponsored family(ies)

Donation Amount

We/I would like to help by sponsoring (number of) ____ _____family(ies).

We/I wish to help a family(ies) of: ☐ 2-3 people ☐4-5 people ☐6+ people

We/I would like to make a financial donation instead in the amount of:

☐$50.00 ☐$75.00 ☐$100.00 ☐$200.00 ☐Other _____ _____

Payment Method:

☐Cheque or Money Order (payable to Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities)

☐Credit Card (Visa or Mastercard Only)

Name: _____

Credit Card No. _____

Expiry Date: _____CV Code:_____

Fax or Email to:
Attention: A Gift to Remember or
ssankar@schcontario.ca

Mail to:
Attention: A Gift to Remember
c\o Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities
2-629 Markham Rd.
Scarborough, ON M1H 2A4

CONFIDENTIALITY OATH

I acknowledge that:

- All personal information that I have access to or learn through my affiliation with Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities is confidential.

- As a condition of my affiliation with Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities, I must comply with these policies and procedures, and my failure to comply may result in the termination of my affiliation with Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities and may also result in legal action being taken against me by Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities and others.

- I agree that I will not access, use or disclose any confidential and/or personal information that I learn of or possess because of my affiliation with Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities, unless it is necessary for me to do so in order to perform my responsibilities or when required by law. I also understand that under no circumstances may confidential and/or personal health information be communicated either within or outside except to other persons who are authorized by Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities to receive such information.

- I agree that I will not alter, destroy, copy or interfere with this information except with authorization and in accordance with the policies and procedures.

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Name (Please Print)

_____

Signature

_____

Date