



July 10, 2019

Dear Sponsors and Donors,

As we approach the Holiday season, we have opportunities available for you to help and bless those less fortunate and in need. At Cobb County Department of Family & Children Services, we work closely with children that have been removed from their home due to dreadful abusive and neglectful circumstances. Because of the trauma that our children have experienced, we want to ensure they have a bright and merry Christmas and we need your support to provide them with a few modest Christmas gifts.

We have the honor of partnering with Foster4Love once again to help organize our annual Secret Santa program. Foster4Love is an amazing non-profit focused on providing medical services, training opportunities, local events and support services for foster children and parents. For more information about Foster4Love please visit their website at <http://www.foster4love.com/> or call them at (770)558-5491.

We currently have close to 550 children in foster care in Cobb County. Each of our foster children will submit a Christmas Wish List and we will diligently track each item to ensure each gift is given to the correct child. Please join us this year to help provide a little cheer to our foster children. You can play your part in Secret Santa by purchasing one or more gifts from a foster child's wish list.

Below is a little more information on the general cost of gifts/wish list for our children:

1 gift for a younger child	\$25
1 gift for an older child	\$40
Wish list for child aged 0-3 years	\$60
Wish list for child aged 4-9 years	\$85
Wish list for child aged 10-12 years	\$105
Wish list for child aged 13 and older	\$135

We hope you will consider helping our children during the upcoming holiday season. If you are interested in sponsoring a specific wish list item for a foster child, please complete the enclosed

registration form and return to me directly at Cobb County DFCS. With close to 550 children in care we spend a lot of time planning, preparing, and organizing for our Secret Santa program. To plan accordingly, we would love to hear back from you no later than September 1<sup>st</sup> since we largely depend on pledges like yours to provide gifts for our children. We will start accepting gifts dropped off at a specific location between November 18th and December 6th. We will provide more information about drop off times and locations as the time comes.

Financial contributions are also welcome and much appreciated. You may make your donation directly to our agency by mail (Attn: Samantha Hassler; 325 S. Fairground Street; Marietta, GA 30060) or online at <http://www.bidforkids.com>.

Our sincerest thanks to you for your consideration of helping our foster children have a bright and merry holiday season. If you have any questions or need additional help please don't hesitate to contact me by phone at (770)856-6479 or email at [samantha.hassler@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:samantha.hassler@dhs.ga.gov).

I sincerely look forward to this year's endeavors and a joyous holiday season!

Sincerely,

*Samantha Hassler*

Volunteer Resource Coordinator

Cobb County Department of Family & Children Services