

# 2017 Hope for the Holidays

**Deadline to drop off Gift Cards: Nov 30th**

**Thank you for being a holiday sponsor!**

Program info: [www.mannaonmain.org/holidayprogram/](http://www.mannaonmain.org/holidayprogram/)



## Program Description

The **2017 Hope for the Holidays** program is designed with the idea of giving parents the dignity and trust of purchasing gifts they feel most appropriate for their children. Manna will distribute gift cards to parents, \$75 for each child participating in the program. Kindly purchase gift cards in **\$25 denominations**. Donors may contribute as many gift cards as they wish.

## Accepted Items

**Gift Cards** - We are accepting **Visa or Walmart gift cards** only because they offer the most shopping options for the families we serve. **Please choose gift cards with the \$25 denomination clearly indicated on the front of the card.** Thank you.

**Non-Gift card Items** - Please limit your non-gift card items to these categories only:

- Books for children & teens (**NO coloring books and crayons please**)
- Diapers & wipes (larger diaper sizes – 4, 5, 6 are greatly needed, as well as pull-ups)
- Twin-size bed sheets

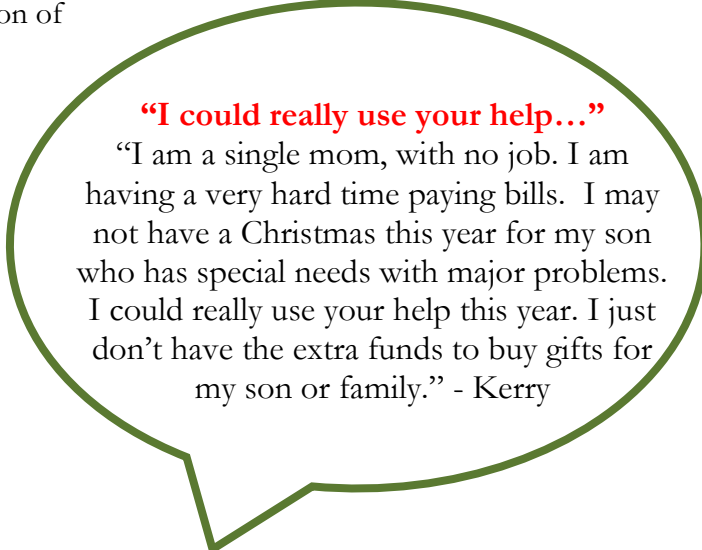
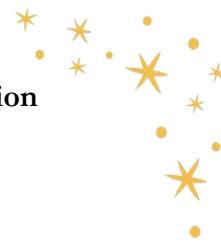
You can also donate a roll of wrapping paper and tape. **Please leave gifts unwrapped.**

## We are so grateful for your support!

Your cooperation and consideration is appreciated as this program enables us to best serve our clients and allow our staff to focus on our core mission of ending hunger in the North Penn region.

## Become a Donor

1. Fill out a donor form online at: [www.mannaonmain.org/hope-for-the-holidays-form](http://www.mannaonmain.org/hope-for-the-holidays-form)
2. Gift cards can be dropped off at Manna anytime during normal business hours: Monday – Friday 9am-5pm.  
**Deadline: November 30th.**
3. Due to space constraints, kindly drop off your gift purchases from December 4-6 between the hours of 9-5pm.



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## Who are the families you are helping?

Here are snapshots of some families that you will be touching this holiday season through your generosity.

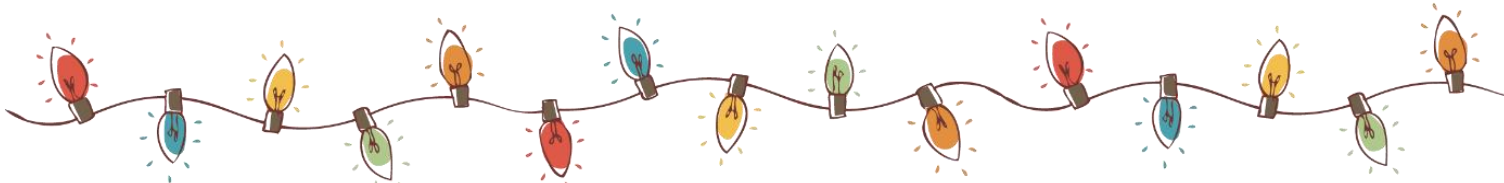
### ***“Christmas is always very hard...”***

“Christmas is always very hard for us to get gifts for everyone. Our daughter is most important and if no one else gets a gift, I want to at least offer her a wonderful Christmas. I thank you and appreciate your help and time.” - Joanie



### ***“I could really use your help...”***

“I am a single mom, with no job. I am having a very hard time paying bills. I may not have a Christmas this year for my son who has special needs with major problems. I could really use your help this year. I just don't have the extra funds to buy gifts for my son or family.” - Kerry



### ***“Hard times don't have to mean sad times.”***

“I remind my children that hard times don't have to mean sad times. I tell them to be grateful for each other. We have a roof over our heads and thanks to Manna, food on the table. This program for the holidays opens up the opportunity for them to enjoy receiving the things they need and even a few wants – it makes them smile. My family will be appreciative for whatever assistance – it will bring smiles and sunshine into our home this holiday season.” – Darlene

### ***“You are a life saver.”***

“Both my husband and I are college grads. We have worked hard all our lives. However due to unforeseen circumstances, my husband lost his job leaving me as the sole provider. After he was unemployed for a year, I got into a bad accident and broke my neck. My employer let me go. We moved to the North Penn area and quickly found Manna. They have been a life saver. I feel as though my family has struggled so much and despite working and trying to make ends meet, it has been extremely difficult. Any additional help would be great for the holiday season.” – Jackie

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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



### ***Will you assign donors a specific child?***

Children will not be assigned to donors. Gift cards will be distributed equally among the children in the program.

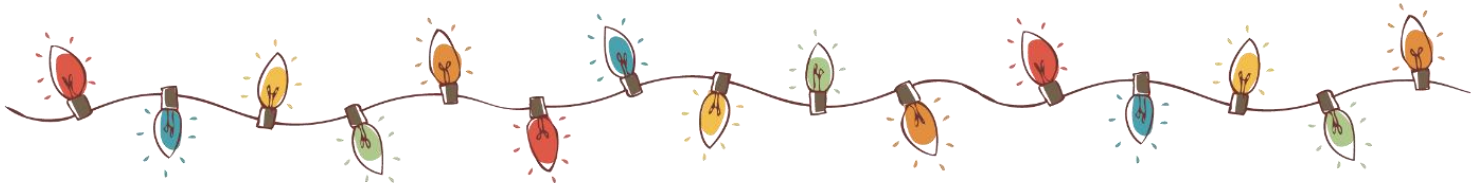
### ***I like to shop for children and do not want to give a gift card. What are my options?***

We understand and want to accommodate your way of giving. We are accepting a limited number of gifts that will be distributed to families. They will not be assigned to specific children. If you wish to contribute to this, we are accepting new books for all ages of children and teens; diapers and wipes for babies and toddlers; and new bed sheets in twin sizes for any ages. This will help us meet the additional needs of families and children this time of year. Please do not gift-wrap these items, but we do accept rolls of wrapping paper and tape.



### ***For what amount should I buy the gift cards?***

Kindly purchase gift cards in \$25 denominations. Please choose gift cards with the \$25 denomination clearly indicated on the front of the card. This way, we can combine the cards so that each child can receive \$75. We will track all holiday program contributions and provide you with a record of your tax-deductible donation.



### ***From what stores should I buy the gift cards?***

In order to best serve parents in the program shopping for their children, gift cards that offer the greatest shopping options would be best. Therefore, we are accepting Visa and Walmart gift cards only.

### ***When should gifts be delivered to Manna?***

Please bring any gift cards and other gifts to Manna during normal business hours (9-5pm). **The deadline is Thursday, November 30.** Due to space constraints, kindly drop off your gift purchases (books, diapers and wipes, new twin sheets) **between December 4-6 during normal business hours (9-5pm).**

