

# Holiday Helpers 2017



Thank you for your interest & participating in the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Helper program!

## Program Goal:

The goal of the Holiday Helpers project is to provide gifts to each of 30 families at Avondale Park transitional housing in Redmond. At Avondale Park, Hopelink provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling and job training for homeless families getting back on their feet. These families are thrilled to have a safe home for their children, but are still struggling to meet basic needs and gain traction with steady employment and housing. Our goal is to ensure that each child at Avondale Park receives a gift or two of their choice this holiday season.

## Family Wish Lists:

Each parent has worked with their case manager to create a “wish list” for their children. They have listed the ages and genders of each child, and a few things they would love to be able to provide for their children this holiday season. Every wishlist is different and some may have some more expensive items requested, if this is the case the sponsor group is not expected to purchase all the items on the list and which gifts are purchased are left to the judgment of the sponsor. The average group will be sponsoring 1-3 children and cost should be around \$100 per child, so groups won't be expected to spend more than \$100-300 because families with more children will be split up between groups. For an average homeroom of 10 members, plan to dedicate about \$15. If you would like to donate more, families can always use supplies such as laundry detergent, dish soap and detergent, and other cleaning supplies and tools. If the homeroom budget needs to be smaller, please indicate so in the survey and Outreach Club will match wish lists accordingly.

## Gift Drop Off Logistics:

Please bring **unwrapped** gifts to the **Right Hand Entrance into Disco Hall** to the **designated area** between 8:10am Thursday 11/30/17 and **3pm on Friday 12/1/17**. Please label your gifts with unit number and Homeroom labels provided to your group with the instruction packet. Please also provide **wrapping supplies** so that parents can wrap the gifts for the children. Gifts will be delivered to families during finals by the Outreach Club.

## Religious Symbols:

With the exception of wrapping supplies, please do not include gifts with religious symbols because families at Avondale Park celebrate many different holidays during the winter season.

## Thank You!

Your generosity will make this holiday season a little brighter for the families at Avondale Park!

## Questions?

Don't hesitate to contact the Outreach Club if you have any questions or to arrange pickup.  
Outreach club email: [outreach.owls@gmail.com](mailto:outreach.owls@gmail.com)

Family Wish Lists: It has been expressed to families that \$100-\$150 may be spent per child, per family. Gift amounts and costs vary so we have made adjustments to even include more than one sponsor with larger families to reduce the financial burden on any one group. Please contact us if you have questions.