Share Ourselves ADOPT A FAMILY



For 57 years, Share Ourselves has partnered with local schools and organizations to bring holiday joy to Orange County families facing financial hardship. Through our Adopt A Family program, families receive personalized gifts and essential items to ensure our neighbors experience a bright holiday season.

How it works:

1 Families are identified

Share Ourselves partners with local schools and community organizations to identify families in need.

2 Each family shares their story

We share each family's story and wishlist, ensuring every gift is a meaningful expression of care rather than just a material item.

3 Families are adopted

Donors purchase and wrap gifts from the wish lists, delivering them to the OC Fair & Event Center. Share Ourselves ensures every family receives gifts.

4 Holiday joy for all

Your generosity brings smiles, hope and a brighter holiday season to local families.

Scan here to go to our adoption site and learn more about our families. And if you are unable to adopt a family, you can also find other ways to support the program.

shareourselves.org/aaf

Give Health. Give Dignity. Give Hope.

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How to Get Involved

Choose a family to adopt for the holidays or search by specific needs.

Read profiles to learn about each family's unique story and holiday wish list on our adoption platform at www.roonga.com/shareourselves57th. Adoptions are posted from 11/09/26 to 12/07/26.

Host a toy drive or gift care drive

Host a toy or gift card drive at your office! We can provide a general wish list to help make it a success. Want to support our hardest-to-shop-for teens? Host a gift card drive so they can pick out their own gifts!

Join together to adopt a family or multiple families!

Starting Monday, Nov. 9, visit Roonga to browse family profiles and wish lists (sizes 3 to 15+). Let us know your group's target size, or email aaf@shareourselves.org if you want to adopt 5+ families!

Volunteer

Great Team Building Opportunity!

Volunteer at the OC Fair & Event Center to help our Adopt A Family program thrive! Join our team at the fairgrounds to organize donations, welcome donors, wrap gifts, and more. Spots fill up quickly, so email volunteers@shareourselves.org to sign up today!

Purchase a gift from our Amazon Wish List

If you are unable to adopt a family but still want to support the program, you can buy a gift off our Amazon Wish List. These donations will ensure that every family's wishlist is fulfilled.

To get started or to learn more about all the ways to participate, please visit shareourselves.org/aaf. Please e-mail questions to aaf@shareourselves.org



Gift Guidelines

STEP 1: Purchase New Gifts & Gift Cards

- **Per Child:** Provide at least two new items or gift cards (min. $25 each) from their wish list, plus a $30 grocery gift card.
- **Per Adult:** Gifting wish list items is optional, but please provide a $40 grocery gift card.
- **Receipts:** Put all gift receipts and gift card activation receipts in a separate envelope to help families handle any exchanges.

STEP 2: Pack the Gifts & Gift Cards

Be as creative as you want with the gifts and/or gift cards (i.e. stockings, gift boxes, bags).
Please place gift cards and in a gift box or envelope with the recipient's name.

STEP 3: Label the Gifts

Clearly write or stick the recipient's name and code on the outside of each gift box or envelope.

STEP 4: Prepare for Delivery

Pack by Family: Place each family's gifts in sturdy, taped boxes or reusable storage totes.
Label and Count: Label every box, tote, package, and individual item (e.g., bicycles, furniture, or appliances) with your unique Family Code. Each container or individual item counts as one item. Include everything in your total count to help us plan for delivery.

The label should include the unique **Family Code** and the **Item Count:**

EXAMPLE

Melon275773	Item 1 of 3

STEP 5: Drop Off Gifts

- **Location:** OC Fair & Event Center, 905 Arlington Drive, Costa Mesa (Gate 8).
- **Drop-Off Dates & Times:**
  - Sunday, December 13: 9 am – 3 pm
  - Monday, December 14: 8 am – 4 pm



Bike Guidelines



Each year, we receive several requests for bikes. If purchasing a bike(s) for your adopted family, we kindly request that you:

- **Assemble Bikes:** Bikes may be assembled before delivery to ensure they arrive ready to ride. Include a helmet and lock with each bike.
- **Do Not Wrap:** A bow is fine, but do not wrap the bike.
- **Label:** Attach a hanging tag with your Family Code (no stickers).

Toy Drive Guidelines

Host a holiday toy or gift card drive with your organization or community to bond and spread cheer! All donations must be NEW, with a recommended minimum value of $25, and will go directly toward fulfilling holiday wish lists.

POPULAR YOUTH GIFTS

- Barbies®
- Dolls
- Hot Wheels®
- LEGO®
- Stuffed animals
- Art supplies
- Soccer balls
- Scooters
- Skateboards, Bikes
- Warm winter clothing

POPULAR TEEN GIFTS

- Headphones and earbuds
- Ulta Beauty® and Sephora® gift cards
- Clothing and shoe gift cards (Vans®, WSS)
- Bikes, scooters, or skateboards

POPULAR ADULT GIFTS

- Blankets
- Warm clothing
- Pots and pans
- Small kitchen appliances
- Toiletries
- Department store or grocery store gift cards

Popular Gift Cards

- **Retail:** Target®, Walmart®, Amazon®, Ross®, T.J. Maxx®, Old Navy®
- **Groceries:** Food 4 Less®, Stater Bros. Markets®, Northgate
- **Shoes:** WSS

*Please note: NEW Gifts and Gift Cards ONLY with a minimum $25 Value per card

Favorite Toy Themes:
Disney®, Bluey®, Princess, Spider-Man®, Dinosaurs

📍 Toy Drive Drop-Off Details

DROP OFF COLLECTED TOYS AT THE OC FAIR & EVENT CENTER DURING THESE TIMES:

- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

IF YOU NEED TO ARRANGE AN ALTERNATE DROP-OFF TIME, PLEASE CONTACT US AT AAF@SHAREOURSELVES.ORG.