

CHRISTMAS GIFT FAQs

Will my Christmastime donation go toward a gift for my child/my child's family?

We do things a little different around Christmas so that every child—sponsored or not—can experience the joy of Christmas. All donations to the Christmas Gift Fund are combined and evenly distributed amongst our Hope Centers so that each child is blessed with a present (if you are a sponsor, your child will be told that the present is from you), a special meal, and a celebration with friends.

I give every month, why are you asking for more at Christmas?

The children enrolled in our Hope Centers are chosen because they are the neediest in their area. Once they start attending, they are provided nourishment, medical attention, an education, and spiritual guidance.

If additional money is sent for a child's birthday or as a family gift, our Child Champions visit the children in their homes and assess the families' greatest need, which is oftentimes essentials like groceries and clothing, and make purchases for them.

When we make an extra ask at Christmastime, it is so that every child can have something special once a year.

What types of items will my child receive with my donation?

Our Child Champions are expert shoppers who find the best prices and discounts to make the most of your funds. Depending on their age, needs, and wishes, children can be blessed with things like toys, school supplies, clothing, shoes, snacks, games, and more.

What if I cannot give the suggested amount?

We realize that not every sponsor will be able to send our typical ask amount, so we want to ensure that all of our supporters know that they have the opportunity to participate, no matter the amount they send. The "best gift" option is also included to give the freedom to donate any dollar amount. From the largest contribution to the widow's mite, we will gratefully accept any and all funds that will provide the kids in our program with a joyful Christmas!

Can I give even when it isn't Christmastime?

YES! You don't need to wait until Christmas to give to the Christmas Gift Fund! Gifts received throughout the year will be saved for the next Christmas celebration. The Christmas Gift Fund allows the OneChild Hope Center staff to purchase a gift for each child in our program. For many of these children living in the depths of poverty, it may be the only present they receive this Christmas. So that every child receives a gift, all donations are combined and distributed equally to children registered in our program.

What if I don't celebrate Christmas? Will my child be left out?

We absolutely honor your decision and want you to know that every donation we receive will be combined so that all of the children in our program will receive a celebration and gift, so no child will feel left out. If at any time you would feel more comfortable supporting other costs, there are ways to give that will not only benefit your sponsored child but other children in our program who are still waiting for a loving sponsor like you. You can go to <https://onechild.org/how-to-get-involved/ways-to-give/> to see the options.