LOV 2019 HOLIDAY PROGRAMS & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Lov’s Adopt-A-Family

This program provides gifts and basic necessities to those in need during the holidays. Through generous donations from corporate and individual sponsors, we provide every applying eligible family with:

- 1 Holiday turkey or ham
- 1 Family Food Basket that contains a generous supply of essential food items for approximately 2-3 weeks of family meals and treats
- 1 Family Gift Pack that contains a new age-suitable toy for each child in the family, and stocking stuffer items for everyone
- All eligible families are represented in our Adopt-a-Family sponsor drive – we match families with sponsors, who select families to “adopt.” These families will receive special gifts, help and holiday cheer from their Sponsors

Who gets adopted? Vulnerable families come in all shapes and sizes! They include full families, single parents and adults without children. Some are grandparents or seniors, trying to make it on a fixed income with no room for extras. Many adults in the program are unemployed, laid off, or can’t find a job with enough income to support everyone in their care. Sometimes an adult or child in the family is disabled or suffering from a difficult long-term illness. Children – emancipated, in foster care, or homeless - who are experiencing difficult times at home, at school, and virtually everywhere they go in life. These are the families and the people you will be helping during the holidays.

If you’re in need of some help, hope and LOV this Holiday Season – contact LOV today:
Sharon Slayton, Program/Development, 510-793-5683, or email Sharon@lov.org

LOV THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
LOV’s Annual Toy Drive - LOV provides new toys to thousands of Tri-City children during the December Holiday Season. We collect new, unwrapped toys from more than 100 LOV Toy Barrel locations in Fremont, Newark and Union City. We sort and distribute them to select non-profit agencies, which put them under the trees and into the hands of the children. LOV’s Adopt-a-Family program is one of the many recipients of these toys – last year, more than 500, and we collected more than 4000 to share with our Fremont, Newark & Union City children.

Become a Toy Drive Barrel Sponsor! Sponsors help bring joy to thousands of Tri-City children, and LOV does the rest. Perfect for a worksite or business – just leave our Toy Barrels in a safe, high-visibility area and let the holiday joy begin! LOV collected and distributed more than 4,000 toys in 2018 to our Agency Holiday Partners, and to more than 150 families in our Adopt-a-Family program. Help make this year’s Toy Drive a success! Inquire about special requirements and get more information – contact Harold Colon at 510-793-5683 or email Harold@lov.org to arrange delivery of your Toy Barrel today!

- Fill our LOV Annual Toy Drive Barrels with new, unwrapped toys from your worksite or place of business.
- Easy setup! We pick up and deliver the barrels – just give us a call when they’re full.
- LOV provides you with a donation report outlining the number of toys you collected.
- Last pickup day is 12/16/2019.

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Adopt-a-Family Sponsorships – In 2018 our Sponsors adopted more than 75 families – and our goal this year is to top 100! There are so many ways to help - this year, there’s no reason not to adopt a family!

ADOPT one or more of our families - Bring back the Holiday Magic by adopting one or several families. Spend as much or as little as you like – we recommend $50 minimum be spent on each family member. One year, a single dad got a job for a gift! Be creative! Your heart is the only limit. All families are screened for eligibility. (Support Range: $50 - $1,000)

- Choose from our many family profiles with age, gender, “favorites/likes” and wish list information for each member of the family. Many family sizes and dynamics available.
- Adoption preferences or special requests accommodated whenever possible – Examples include: children only with age preferences, single parent, health/recovery issues, Veterans...
- Remain anonymous or plan a special in-person gift exchange with your adopted family. Just let us know how we can help create a memorable gifting experience for everyone!

SPONSOR OUR ANNUAL CHILDREN’S HOLIDAY EVENT

Bring an afternoon of entertainment and holiday magic to approximately 200 Adopt-a-Family children. We’ll work with you to create or co-sponsor a special mid-December Holiday event for our families and their children. (Support Range: $500 - $4,000)

Event typically includes:

- Children take a special visit to Santa’s workshop and choose a toy of their liking. Toys can be supplied or your group can sponsor the toys for the event.
- Refreshments
- Past events featured magic & balloon art, Fremont Symphony string quartet, Newark Memorial High School Advanced Choir, Nutcracker Ballet-Sugar Plum Fairy & Mouse King performances. LOV will work with you and your budget to provide a wonderful experience for your group, volunteers, and our Adopt-a-Family children.

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TOYS, GIFTS & STOCKING STUFFER SPONSORS - “Top-off” someone’s holiday by donating small family or single-person gift items to fill our Holiday Stockings and donations tables. Non-adopted families registered in our LOV Adopt-a-Family program receive our standard family holiday package of food and children’s gifts. We also offer them the opportunity to select new Toy and gift donations received from generous donors like you.

No donation is too small or too big. Quantities are accepted from single to multiple items. If you or your group want to make a donation of special holiday cheer that will go direct to the community, please contact Harold (Harold@lov.org, 510-793-5683) to arrange for delivery or pick up of your donations. We’ll also work with you to create unique events and activities that connect your holiday generosity with our many families.
(Support Range: $5 - $25)

Perfect contributions that will reach Adopt-a-Family clients include:

- Holiday Stockings & Stocking stuffers – All Ages (pre-filled or empty)
- Gift cards (for teens and families who cannot find appropriate gifts from our other donated items)
- Cosmetics, Bath & Shower items
- Hats, Scarves & Gloves, Socks and/or Shoes (all sizes)
- Personal Accessories
- All ages appropriate music, books & games
- Small decorative and household items (candles, holiday decorations, cookware/specialty dishwares, etc.)
- Bicycles (all sizes & ages)
- Electronics

Sponsor our Home Survival Packs. (Support Range: $5 - $50 per family)

- Put together your own pack(s) or bring in single items for our Elves to pack.
- Home Survival Packs contain a variety of toiletry & personal hygiene products: hair care products, shampoo/conditioner, feminine hygiene products, Q-tips, dental care supplies, bar soap/body wash, deodorant, shaving supplies, diapers, infant care products, first aid supplies, etc.

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Become a Food Barrel or Basket Sponsor!

Our Holiday Food Drive starts with LOV’s Community Thanksgiving Meal, and extends through 12/20/2019. Each year on Thanksgiving Day we invite the entire Tri-City community to a celebration at the Newark Pavilion, where we serve dinner and deliver more than 4000 meals to the Homebound from San Leandro to the end of Southern Alameda County. Host a collection barrel or bring your donations to LOV. Food collected after the Thanksgiving Meal event supports our Adopt-a-Family, and other community agency programs.

- Drop off donations at LOV’s Community Service Center: 8440 Central Ave., Suites A/B, Newark, CA 94560. We’re open 8-5, Monday thru Friday. We’ll be closed 12/24 – 12/29.
- We need TURKEYS and HAMS – we cook and serve them for the LOV Community Thanksgiving Meal, and then distribute frozen to our Adopt-a-Family and Holiday Food Basket recipients.
- LARGE and SMALL donations accepted! Needed food item lists are available from October through December:
  - On our Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/LovTheLeagueOfVolunteers
  - On our website: http://www.lov.org
  - In our LOV Notes Newsletter – sent to more than 9,000 local homes and businesses!

Be A Holiday Volunteer! These great programs need great volunteers!
LOV’s Holiday Volunteers start by giving their time, and end up with Holiday memories to last a lifetime.

- Volunteer for an hour, a day, or the season!
- Office, warehouse, and holiday event spots available October through December.
- Visit www.LOV.org to find out more about what you can do to help bring the season’s joy to you and your family, and to thousands of others in the Tri-City Area.

Call today to volunteer and get on our mailing list by contacting Harold Colon:510-793-5683, Harold@lov.org.

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