



We are a local non-profit 501(c)(3) organization providing assistance to local families in need during the holiday season.

We work extensively within our community collaborating with local donors and businesses to help families in need during the holiday season.

We are honored to be a part of this community and consider it a privilege to make a difference in the lives of those who truly need an angel to help them through the season.

For more information about our organization including our upcoming fundraisers, ways you can become involved, how to donate, when nominations open, and more, please visit us at:

[www.christmasangels.org](http://www.christmasangels.org)

Or follow our Facebook page at:  
[facebook.com/ChristmasAngelsLCV](https://facebook.com/ChristmasAngelsLCV)

If you are interested in collaborating with Christmas Angels, either by adopting a family or by hosting a fundraiser, please email us at:

[admin@christmasangels.org](mailto:admin@christmasangels.org)



**OF THE LEWIS-CLARK VALLEY**

Giving local families in need assistance during the Christmas holiday season.



*“Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see” – Mark Twain*



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Q: How do you find families in need?

A: Most often the families are nominated by a friend, relative or coworker who has noticed or suspects they may need help. In keeping with the spirit of a true angel, we ask that families do not nominate themselves.

We typically make our nomination form available the first weekend in October and accept nominations until the first weekend of November.

After we prioritize the families with the greatest needs and match the amount of assistance needed with our available funds, we begin interviewing the families.

All information is kept private. We treat our nominations as though we are bound by HIPAA, and never divulge the identities of our families – not even to our volunteers. Admins are the only ones who know the identities of our recipient families.

## Q. What kind of assistance can Christmas Angels provide?

A. When a recipient family is chosen they are given a questionnaire to complete. On that form we ask them to provide us with the names and ages of

each child in the home and are asked to provide a list of three ‘wants’ and three ‘needs’ for that child. Christmas Angels commits to fulfilling at least one item from each ‘want’ and ‘need’ list. In addition, we ask the family list one collective family ‘need’. In the past these needs have looked like a new cook stove, new tires for the family vehicle, gas cards, utility assistance, food, and more. The average cost per family is around \$750.

## Q: How do you raise money or provide assistance given to the families?

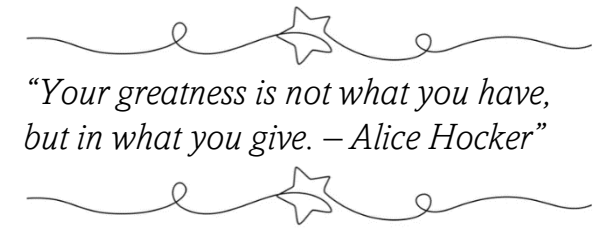
A: That is where we rely on our community! We have fundraisers year-round with the help of many businesses and volunteers. We have been fortunate to have had support from many different people, and businesses, in the valley.

While individuals and businesses can certainly make a significant impact through monetary donations, we have also introduced the option to adopt a family as well. Individual adoptions make funds available for Christmas Angels to adopt additional families, and in 2023 we set a record – 22 families were adopted.



Our 2024 goal is 30 families (minimum)!

Information about adopting a family can be found on our website.



*“Your greatness is not what you have, but in what you give. – Alice Hocker”*

## Q. Are your admins or volunteers ever financially reimbursed?

A. No. We are fully operated by volunteers. We believe in full transparency, and putting every cent we can into the organization to help our local families in need.

## Q: Who started Christmas Angels?

A: Christmas Angels unofficially began over 17 years ago when Christi lost her Aunt Arlene to cancer. Arlene’s passion was to help families by adopting them for Christmas. Christi carried on this tradition with her sister Chelsey.

In 2018 Jeff and Shannon Boren lost Shannon’s father, Rick Howery, very suddenly. One of her best Christmas memories was the year Rick adopted a family in Dallas and had Shannon help. Shannon decided to honor him in this way, and she and her husband Jeff joined Christi and Chelsey officially and named themselves “Christmas Angels” in honor of their loving past “Angels”.