

Dear Community Member,

Thank you for your interest in Christmas Angels of the Pacific Northwest/LC Valley. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides food, gifts, and other necessities to families in need during the holiday season – we call this “adopting” families.

My name is Christi Dahl and I started this endeavor with my friend and fellow Lewiston High School graduate Shannon Boren. For the past 21 years I have carried on the tradition of “adopting” a family for Christmas in honor of my Aunt Arlene Dahl who passed away from cancer. Shannon has also participated in adopting families and shared a special memory of adopting a family with her father who recently passed away very unexpectedly. Following her father’s passing Shannon and I joined forces to create an organization that would honor the generous spirit of my aunt and Shannon's father in 2019.

There are many families in our community who encounter financial hardships during the holiday season and throughout the entire year due to unforeseen circumstances such as illness, injury, wildfires, job loss, etc. When Christmas Angels adopts a family during the holiday season it means providing them with items such as food, clothes, and gifts – luxuries that most of us don’t think twice about, but these families most likely would have gone without.

Providing families with food not only helps provide a meal at Christmas, but also serves to help bridge the gap during winter break for families with children who attend school. Food assistance is always our most requested service, followed closely by requests for utilities assistance and warm winter clothes, shoes, and boots. Rarely do our families ask for gifts that aren’t essential needs.

In addition to aiding with essential needs, it was important to us from the very beginning to maintain the magical feeling of Christmas – and for many families that means presents under the tree. This is why Christmas Angels also provides at a minimum one – to a maximum of three - “wish list” gifts for each child in our adopted families. Nothing compares to that magical Christmas morning after Santa has visited – and no child should be left feeling as if they were forgotten.

As you may guess, adopting families is not inexpensive. In 2023 our organization adopted 17 families. Our goal for 2024 is 20 families. Now you might be asking, how much is the average cost to adopt a family? On average the cost ranges from \$700 - \$1500 per family. Our goal for the 2024 holiday season is to have a budget that allows us an average budget of \$700 per family. This budget would include a \$200 grocery card, leaving \$500 to purchase at least one ‘wish list’ gift item for each child in the family, and budget permitting, one ‘family gift’ which often looks like utility assistance, appliance repair/replacement, new tires for the family vehicle, and or some other type of item/service to benefit the family as a whole.

We sincerely appreciate your interest in our organization and encourage you to visit our website at www.christmasangels.org where you can find links to our Facebook page and group, information about who we are and how our nomination process works, donation information, a calendar of events, and more. The website is updated often.

We rely solely on the support of our local communities, and we take pride in being able to say that 100% of your donations go back into our community. Not only do we appreciate your generosity, but our adopted families appreciate it more than words can express. Being able to help our fellow community members have a peaceful holiday is truly what the spirit of the season is all about, and we are honored to share that feeling with you.

If you, or your business, would like to support us there are several options:

- You can pledge a tax-deductible donation by signing your name and the donation amount below, and returning this letter to us. Donations need to be received by Christmas Angels no later than Nov 1, 2024. Business donations will have their logo featured on our social media accounts and on our website.
- Visit our website and click on the “How You Can Help” link from the menu to make a tax-deductible donation by Mail, Venmo, or Paypal.
- Watch our website for more volunteer/adoption options as we get closer to October when the opening of nominations will be announced.

Sincerely,

Christi Dahl

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