

THE OUTREACH CENTRE

Women's Outreach

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Dear Sponsor,

Christmas is the time of year we all enjoy and anticipate. Many people enjoy Christmas and look forward to it for months, especially children. Spending time with loved ones, exchanging gifts, Christmas goodies and decorating the tree are a few of the things that make it special. For over 17 years sponsors in the community and Women's Outreach have shared the spirit of Christmas with families in Central Alberta.

Because sponsors are so gracious to share with many children, the true spirit of Christmas continues to grow year after year. Last year the Adopt-a-Family program provided 435 children 205 families with gifts under tree, special treats and a Christmas meal to share. Each year this program is met with great need and we do not expect this year to be any different.

As fall sets in for another year we begin to reach out to our wonderful sponsors to help bring the Christmas Spirit to families who are finding themselves in difficult circumstances this year.

If you are able to assist the program this year, please complete the attached application form indicating your preference and return to the address as indicated. We attempt to have all families adopted by mid-December to allow you time for shopping. We ask that "sponsor parcels" are delivered to our office by December 14th. Each year families come into contact with our agency during the month of December – too late for "adoption" This emergency is due to a critical event that has occurred for the family. To help us assure no one misses out on the joy of the season, we encourage sponsors to consider giving a straight donation to the program.

We work closely with the Christmas Bureau, Food Bank, The Mustard Seed and the Salvation Army to ensure that no one is left out and that there is no duplication of services. Your donation and "adopted" family remains anonymous and is coordinated through our office to respect confidentiality.

Your consideration of participating in the Adopt a Family Program is greatly appreciated. If you require further information please call Darcy office at 403-347-2480.

Sincerely,

Darcy Ouellet

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